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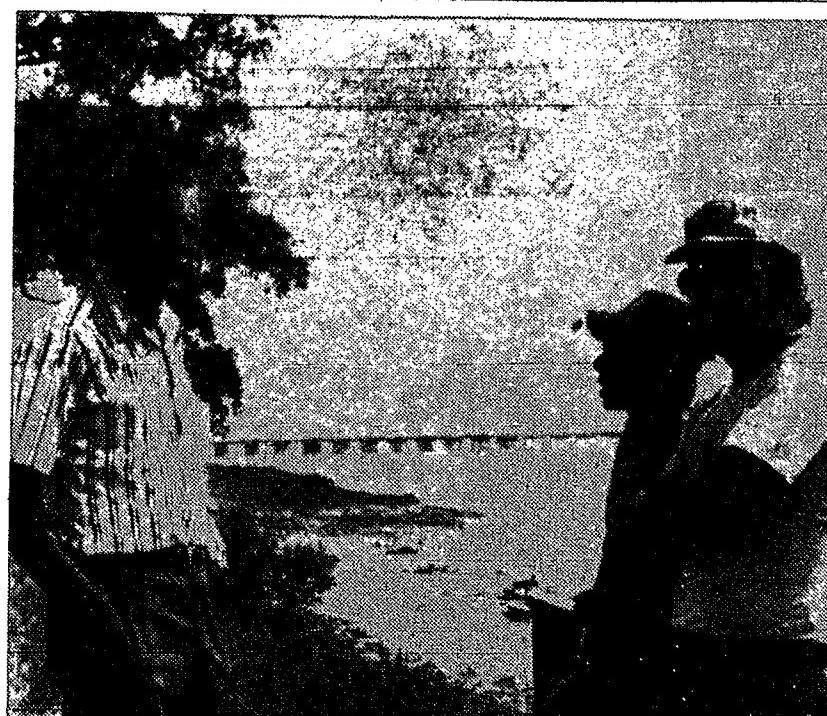
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BEAT FIVE SUPERVISOR James Travirca, left, gives instructions to Clyde Turner, and (right) Gerald Scalfi, both Gulf Construction Co., concerning rebuilding of public pier at base of Ulman Ave. Pier approach steps were in dangerous shape last week due to erosion of bank beneath supports. Travirca had been working on problem but required easements to move heavy equipment onto site. New approach foundation is on piling driven well into subsoil. ECHO photos by Jake Jacob.

Heritage issue in today's Echo

With today's regular issue of the SEA COAST ECHO, you are receiving our special edition, "Our Heritage Remembered", which features over 200 stories and pictures of days passed in Hancock County.

The special heritage addition is the culmination of many weeks of work by a large number of people in addition to our regular staff.

There are many people we wish to thank for their contributions of old pictures and stories which added greatly to the success of this edition. Additionally, we express our appreciation to those who advertised and those who purchase copies.

Credit for the editing and securing of the information and pictures for the edition should be given to Joe Pilet. Our hats are off to Joe for an excellent "job well done!"

This is also the largest issue our carrier boys and girls have delivered to your home since we began home delivery some seven months ago. They along with the ECHO news, production, camera, press and circulation staffs, played a big part in bringing this special section to you our readers.

Not since our Centennial Celebration issue of 1958 have we brought you such a special edition. Today's heritage edition contains more information and (Continued on Page 9)



PILINGS GET HAMMERED into beach as Gulf Construction Co. personnel work at restoration. Pier was originally built with Governor's Emergency Council funds but is being repaired by Beat 5 with an assist from Beat 2.

Sheriff denies mail dun; asks county not send \$'s

Sheriff Sylvan J. Ladner, Jr. of Hancock County, on Friday denied his involvement in a letter being circulated allegedly under his signature, calling for donations to the Mississippi Sheriff's Association.

Ladner said he was not contacted prior to the letter being sent to some 418 people in the county, all as far as he could gather, taken from the tag owners list.

He asked recipients of the letter not to send donations to either the Sheriff's Association or to him.

"This letter is asking people to send

money to the association for the establishment of boys and girls ranches for the state's neglected and homeless children.

"We have already got an established boys home, Gulfside, operated by the Youth Court, and I am not in favor of this blatant du for funds," Ladner said.

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The sheriff said that as a result of telephone calls made by him Friday, the association will be sending a postcard to everybody on their Hancock mailing list informing the recipients that Ladner had not signed the original

Williams later met with the super- (Continued on Page 9)

Rev. Clark is named

Heart Assoc. proxy

The Rev. Charles Clark, pastor, First Assembly of God Church, Waveland, has taken office as president of the Hancock County Heart Association.

Serving as vice president, Heart Fund chairman, and Emergency Cardiac chairman, will be Edward (Continued on Page 9)

By Attorney General

Bill of Complaint filed against Buyers Club

A bill of complaint filed Friday by Attorney General A.F. Summer of Mississippi, may afford relief to those persons in Hancock County who enrolled earlier this year in the Gulf Coast Buyers Club.

The club, under the Summer's complaint, was charged with violating the state's Consumer Protection Act.

The Bill of Complaint alleges that the Consolidated Buyers Club and American Credit Company, Inc., were selling memberships in a consumer's club which represented various household merchandise for sale at 10-40 percent below manufacturer's retail price.

The club then sold memberships to

consumers for \$495 each, and then closed.

American Credit Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then began to collect on the membership contracts from over 100 Gulf Coast residents.

The complaint further alleges that consumers were solicited for "non-expiring 'preferred'" memberships by

Consolidated Buyers Club, its President, Bert Ingalls, and other agents, who took orders and payment for household appliances, furniture, and carpets, and then abandoned its operation without notice and without delivering the goods for which consumers had ordered and paid.

The Attorney General's Consumer

Protection Office has asked in its complaint that the Harrison County Chancery Court void the membership

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DR. JERRY C. Mc CALL

McCall named to head buoy office at NSTL

The former executive vice chancellor of the University of Mississippi, Dr. Jerry C. McCall, has been appointed Director of the Data Buoy Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Previously manager of IBM's Space Transportation System in Bethesda, Md., McCall at one time also was with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as deputy director of its research and development activities in Huntsville.

As director of the Commerce Department agency's Data Buoy Office (Continued on Page 9)



STANFORD G. LADNER

Stanford Ladner admitted to bar in State of Mississippi

Stanford G. Ladner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Ladner of Bay St. Louis, was admitted to practice law in the State of Mississippi before the Court of Judge John Morris, this week in Gulfport.

He was sworn in by the Mississippi State Supreme Court on Thursday in ceremonies at Jackson.

Ladner, now a municipal finance attorney with the firm of Midge, Rose, Gutherie, and Alexander of New York City, New York, is also sworn to practice before the bar of that state.

His entry to the Mississippi bar was made possible by retention of residency requirements in the state.

Ladner has maintained both his permanent residence and voting right in Hancock County, from whence he was a 1959 graduate of St. Stanislaus College.

After obtaining his baccalaureate in economics from The Catholic University (Continued on Page 9)

**Hancock Scout
reservation to
open June 19**

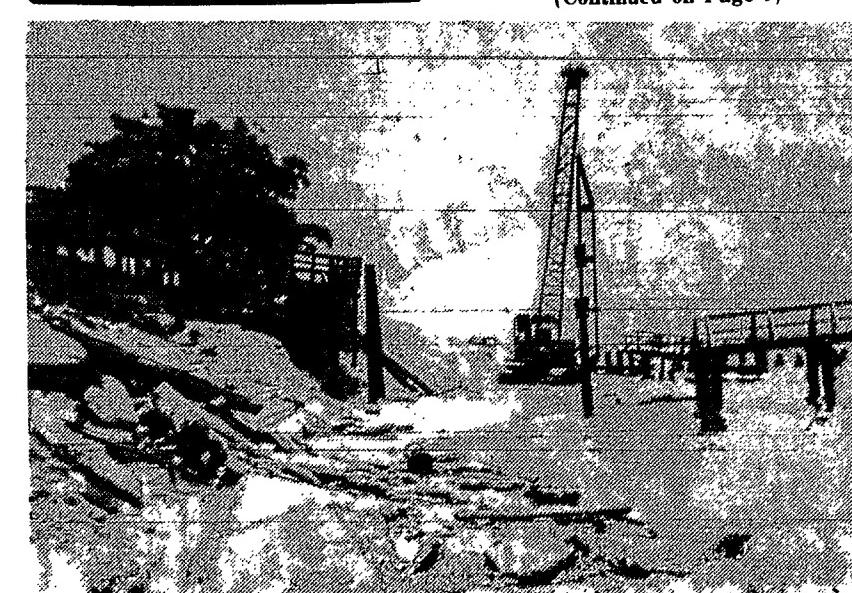
The Salmen Scout Reservation, the New Orleans Area Council Boy Scouts of America Camp in North Hancock County, will be opening for its first load of campers in 1977 on Sunday, June 19.

The Scout reservation encompasses more than 1500 acres of the county adjacent to Wolfe River and is the principal training ground for Scouts to qualify for their woodcraft and camping skills proficiency ratings.

The reservation can cater to 300 Scouts a night in 12 campsites - all well spaced around its 85 acre lake.

1100 P.S.

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Mon	10:30 a.m.	9:37 p.m.
Tues.	11:02 a.m.	10:29 p.m.
Wed	11:49 a.m.	11:18 p.m.
Thurs.	12:34	
Fri.	1:20 p.m.	12:10 a.m.
Sat.	2:07 p.m.	1:01 a.m.
Sun.	2:41 p.m.	1:45 a.m.



ERODED BANK CAUSED original supports to fall, resulting in pier's approach steps from Beach Road to collapse. Pier is over a quarter of a mile long and is maintained by county.



Senior Citizens Happenings

The month of May, this year comes to an end, sadly but with fond memories to Hancock County Senior Citizens. Sad, because another year has past, but memorable, due to the many activities brought about by the observance of the nation, honoring the dignitarian, that in years past, have been forgotten.

We the grey power of our society have enjoyed this observance, which was highlighted by the various activities throughout this month, which would not have been possible without the help,

lovingly given by all the citizens of Hancock County. We will close out the month's festivities Tuesday May 31st with a lunch for Senior Citizens 60 years of age and over, reservations for 125 persons available, to be on a list one to call basis, so don't forget, call Mrs. Margaret Keen Tuesday morning, 467-9292 and reserve all those goodies.

Following the lunch, at 1:30 P.M., everyone is invited to retire to "The Main St. Methodist Church," where they will be entertained by

To All Candidates

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Ashton Carver

STUDENTS EARN EDUCATION

More than 50 percent of the students at Ole Miss receive financial aid through such programs as work-study awards, scholarships, grants, or loans.

By Fred Horn
Assistant Recreation Director
Senior Citizens Center

ON the side

BY BUDDY STONE

Here are some of the latest CB predictions: "CB sets will soon be the size of a cigarette pack so everyone can carry one."

Another 22 ch. will be added to handle 60 to 65 million CB transceivers;

10 million new CB units will go into service every year for the next several years;

CB units will have memory storage and recall and will be able to scan and keep users informed on all worthy topics.

What experts do agree on, though, is that world-wide CB conversation is on its way.

With the great move to CB and the move from CB to Amateur Radio everyone is asking a lot about Amateur Radio.

So, if you would like to know more about Amateur Radio, write The American Radio League, Newington, Conn.

Keen Tuesday morning, 467-9292 and reserve all those goodies.

Q. I have a hard time hearing and understanding people on my CB. Would an external speaker help me?

A. It sure would. I've found the standard speakers that most CB transceivers use are totally inadequate for mobile use. External speakers, available at CB shops, make a tremendous difference. I highly recommend them.

Got questions? Mail them to me at 135 Lanai Village, Route 1, Diamondhead, Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39520 - and I'll try and answer them in this column.

Until we meet again 73's and 88's from my house to yours.

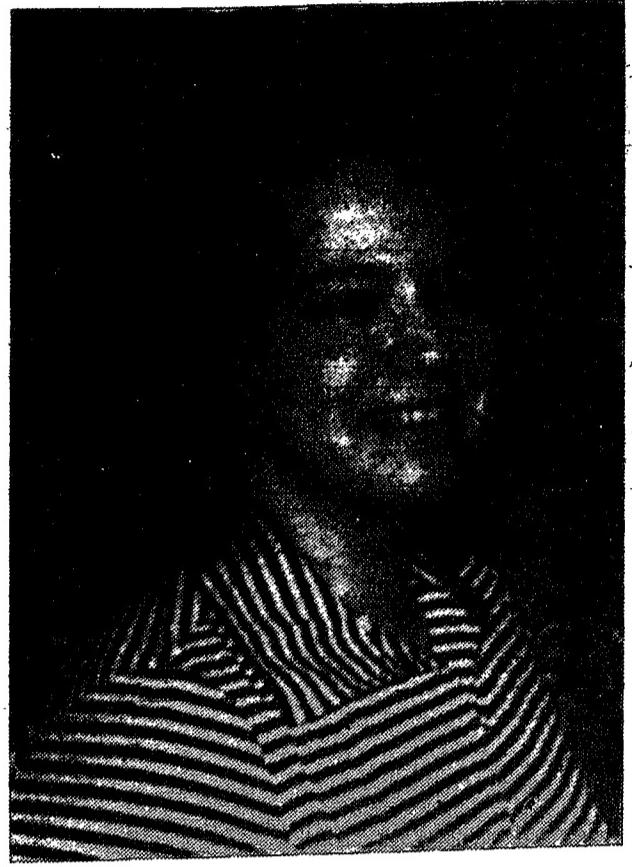
Xavier names six graduates from Ms. coast

Six Gulf Coast students were among the graduates at Xavier University of Louisiana's 50th annual commencement this month. Receiving bachelor of arts degrees were Yolande R. Bradley, Bay St. Louis; Benjamin E. Cannon, Pass Christian, and Mary E. Hanshaw and John E. Ware, both of Biloxi. Carla Gibson Culbreath and Lynn Hanshaw Lambert, both of Biloxi, were awarded bachelor of science degrees.

Ware and Cannon, who majored in music and political science, respectively, won Xavier's two most coveted awards at an honors convocation prior to commencement. Ware, son of Mrs. Roberta Ware, received the Katharine Drexel Award, the school's most prestigious honor named in honor of its foundress. Cannon received the Agatha Ryan Award, named for Xavier's first president. He is the son of Mrs. Therese Cannon.

Miss Hanshaw and Mrs. Lambert, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Hanshaw, majored in elementary education and health and physical education, respectively.

Miss Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Bradley, majored in elementary education, while Mrs. Culbreath was an accounting major. The daughter of Mrs. Velma Anderson, Mrs. Culbreath was secretary of Xavier's Student Government Association and named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the first semester of 1976-77.



The engagement of Miss Donna Kay Abshire, daughter of Weston J. Abshire of Greenville, Miss., and Mrs. Hazel D. Abshire of Kaplan, La., to Richard Elwood Kelley, Lepanto, Ark., and the late Mrs. Omie Kelley, has been announced.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Abshire and Mr. and Mrs. Rene Dronet, Kaplan, La.

A graduate of Leland High School, Leland, Miss., Miss Abshire received her BSE and M. Ed. degrees from Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss. She is presently teaching social studies at Hancock North Central; Jog School, Pass Christian.

The prospective groom, a graduate of Marked Tree High School, Marked Tree, Ark., served in the U.S. Navy for three years. He is presently employed at Baker Implement Company in Greenville, Miss.

A June wedding is planned in Leland, Miss.

Pam Favre is presented youth award

Obit

MRS. LORRAINE KIDD

Funeral services for Mrs. Lorraine Ann Quintini Kidd, 60, a life-long resident of Bay St. Louis, were held Saturday, May 28, with burial following in Garden of Memory Cemetery.

Mrs. Kidd, a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, passed away Friday at 5 p.m. in Hancock General Hospital.

Wife of Raymond Earl Kidd, she was born Sept. 14, 1916, in Bay St. Louis. She was the daughter of Mrs. Alma Betz Quintini and the late Thomas August Quintini.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by five sons, Thomas and Raymond, Jr. of Waveland, Stephen and Richard of Atlanta, and David of Long Beach; four daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Werner and Mrs. Sharon Seals of Bay St. Louis, Mrs. Barbara Rigby of Atlanta and Mrs. Susan Thorning of Grenada; one brother, T.A. Quintini, Jr. of Metairie; three sisters, Mrs. Donna Anderson of Bay St. Louis, Mrs. Joel Raymond of Houston and Mrs. Jackie Phillips of Morrohead, Ms.; 13 grandchildren.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home of Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

The Foundation's purpose is to seek out young people of sophomore age and provide opportunities for their potential leadership abilities to emerge, develop and be recognized. Mr. O'Brien says, "Young people are our country's greatest natural resource." He believes it is time to accent the positive - put the good citizen on the back - let them know there are rewards for being responsible citizens. He believes every person is created as the steward of his own destiny with great power for a specific purpose; to share with his fellow-man through service a reverence for life in a spirit of love.

Nursing legal aspects form chapter topic

BY DENISE McDOWELL

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses elected a new treasurer, Alyce Berbower from Gulfport Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Sherry Goldman resigned as treasurer due to her husband's transfer.

The next chapter meeting will be held on June 21st at 7:30 P.M. in the Directors Conference Room of the Biloxi V. A. Hospital.

Mrs. Wanda Pate, R.N. and her husband William Pate, Gulfport attorney, will speak on "The Legal Aspects of Nursing." Mrs. Pate is the president of the Mississippi Nurses Association, District 5.

All interested nurses in the Gulf Coast area are invited to attend.

MRS. ADA TILLMAN

Mrs. Ada Blanch Broadnax Tillman of Pearlington passed away May 24, in a Biloxi hospital. Born June 14, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Alice Broadnax of Pearlington.

Services were held May 28, at the Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church in Pearlington with Rev. Amos Nix officiating. Interment was in the Pearlington Cemetery with Brown's Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Tillman was a resident of Pearlington most of her adult life and worked in the community as a beautician and seamstress. She was an agent for Brown's Funeral Home of Picayune at the time of her death.

She is survived by two uncles, Louis Williams of Lake Charles and Matthew Williams of Pearlington; one aunt, Gladys Williams of Lake Charles; other relatives include a host of cousins.

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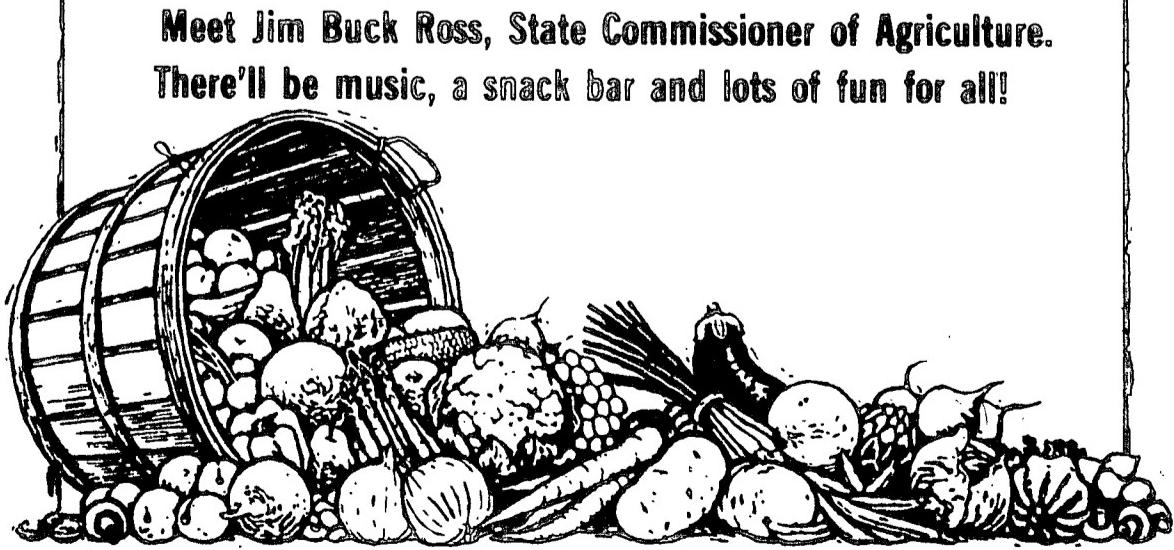
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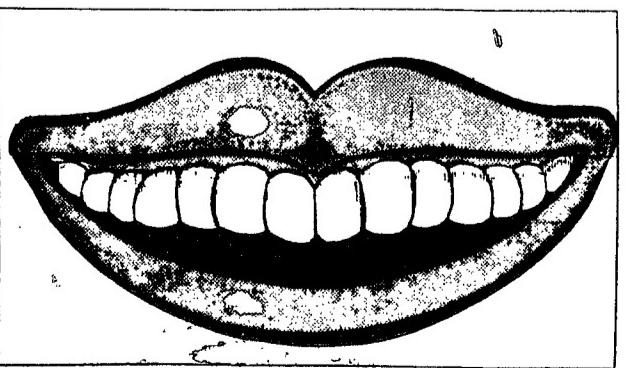
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HAPPINESS IS THE LAST SCHOOL DAY as evidenced by looks of joy in faces of kindlets leaving OLG church following mass on Friday, last day of school for year. ECHO photos by Jake Jacob.

VA news

The Veterans Administration has ended its prepayment policy for persons enrolled in educational programs.

Students planning fall enrollment in Veterans Administration educational programs who desire advance payments must make their request in writing to the schools.

The Veterans Administration has changed payment procedures for persons enrolled in educational programs. Local VA offices have complete information.

Students enrolled in

Veterans Administration educational programs have been advised that prepayment procedures have ended. Checks now follow the month of enrollment.

Students enrolled in Veterans Administration educational programs during June will receive their checks July 1, under new payment procedures.

GI Bill students desiring advance payment for fall school semesters must submit their request in writing to the school, the Veterans Administration advises.

Disabled veterans receiving vocational rehabilitation training should contact the Veterans Administration for new payment procedures.

CITY COUNCILMAN
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FRED WAGNER

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Research is USM Gulf Park nurses topic

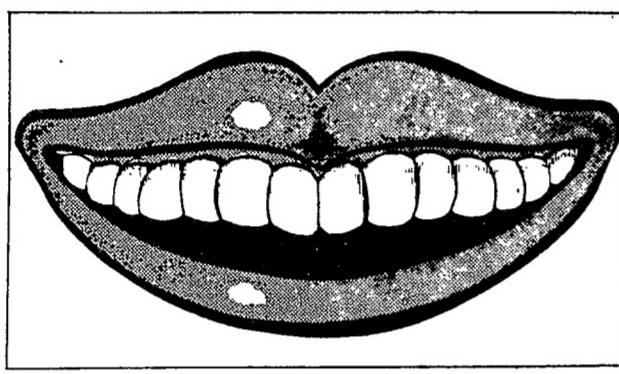
Nursing Research N603, a graduate course focusing on general concepts and scientific inquiry will be offered this summer for the first time at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Regional campus.

Throughout the course, research reports will be critiqued with a view of meeting the criteria specified for the formulation of a research proposal for either N692, Special studies in Nursing, or N694 Thesis.

Prerequisites are Descriptive Statistics or a challenge exam. If an exam is desired, Dr. Mary C. Smith may be contacted at Tel. 266-

4211, ext. 291 at USM- 1-7 p.m. Hattiesburg prior to Further information may be registration.

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Diamondhead women have golf tourney

The Diamondhead Womens Golf Association played a selective nine event May 26 there.

Doris Wattney was Class A winner with Joycelyn Tresh runner-up.

Gloria Forstall and Willie Solomon tied for Class B honors. Solomon also qualified for low putts. Doris Merritt was closest to the hole on Number 13.

According to a survey of the employment situation of 16 to 24 year olds, there were 22.6 million youths in the labor force in October 1976-750,000 more than a year earlier—the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

We have a supposed least law in Bay St. Louis, yet people turn large dogs loose in the early morning to run at will, making it unsafe for early walkers or children "going crabbing" and causing the trash barrels which are set here and there on the headlands to be turned over, and rolled down hill into the water where they rust out, useless to everyone. Teeth in that law would restore the beach to the children and the elderly and visitors and poles to which the barrels are chained would make them usable to people who have a desire to picnic but leave no debris behind.

And lastly, Bay St. Louis is a city of flowers and small gardens which, during our frequent droughts, must be watered. Would you not take a leaf from other town's books and set up a system of

Dear Editor:

"Robbing Peter to pay Paul" has never seemed to thinking people an honorable and ethical way to settle an indebtedness. Yet it would appear Utilities Commissioner, Lucien Kidd, finds it a practical solution with reference to increases in gas rates. If my memory serves me right, the people of Bay St. Louis got an increase of about thirty percent in water rates back in January because that had been an increase in gas costs! And now, it appears, the Commissioner is advocating another 17 percent increase in the water rates because natural gas rates have increased! The sewerage and water system is a separate commodity. When the water spigot is turned on we do not get gas—water.

It is unthinkable that any consumer of gas would wish consumers of water to pay their bills. This would amount to charity. Imposed charity lacks benevolence. Many residents of Bay St. Louis have all-electric homes. Electric rates have also increased, and in all likelihood will continue to do so. To my knowledge no customer of electricity would expect public assistance in the payment of their electric usage. Nor, would it seem gas customers desire this type of fund-juggling.

Water customers who have lawns, gardens, and flowers are already somewhat unjustly paying for sewerage on the rate of water that passes through the meters. Much of the water that goes through the meter is not returned to the sewerage system. It is returned to the earth in an attempt to keep vegetation alive during the summer's drought. Would not this alone seem sufficient added imposition on water customers without adding the gas increase to it?

Mr. Kidd is a kind-hearted man, and he has great sympathy for the gas customers who would find an increase somewhat of a burden. His concern is commendable. How about a little "blind justice?"

Joe Pilet
Bay St. Louis

Cover 15 year period

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"THIS WILL BE YOUR ADMINISTRATION"
I NEED YOUR HELP.

Letters to the editor

An Open Letter to the Various Candidates for Office Bay St. Louis, Miss.
co Editorial Dept., The Sea Coast Echo

Gentlemen and Ladies:

It would seem to me, as a simple concerned citizen, that there are more things at issue in the upcoming June election than the mere deciding of who shall obtain office and preside over us for a given number of years; of what shall be done about major civic problems and who shall decide what issues are important or not but of a number of smaller but no less important problems that plague this community and go a long way toward irritating its citizens. For instance -

What do you three gentlemen and one lady think about the shameful neglect of the fishing pier in District Two? Built at enormous expense by what would seem to have been a bunch of happy go lucky school children, the first winter's storms undermined it beyond any conception of safety. They broke four by fours which were set on, not imbedded in, sand, like match sticks and washed out on side a huge slab of totally unsupported concrete. No effort was made by the present administration to repair it, or even mark it as dangerous until one small, angry woman raised the spectre of lawsuits and a token barrier was raised. Must our citizens be denied the use of the pier to fish and crab from, enjoy the cool of and show to their city friends because this is a small political football from which all the graft has been milked and no more gravy can be skimmed? What will you four do?

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separate meters - for inside and outside water use, so that the elderly or the not so wealthy gardener could keep his food supply and beauty going without the inordinately high tax of having his garden water lumped in with his sewerage and his bill double or even triple - penalizing him for his civic and personal effort? Would that be so difficult gentlemen and ladies?

Sincerely,
Elise Beauchamp
Bay St. Louis, Miss.



OFF TO MILLSAPS following her victory on courts in recent Junior Tournament staged at Diamondhead is Anne Trombley, right, of Bay St. Louis. Her semi-finalist is Anne Moran. Trombley took set 6-2, 6-4. Boys' winner was Walter Mullar. Both played in 12 and under grouping. Janet Talley, tennis professional at Diamondhead, said Trombley and Muller left today for Jackson to attend the week-long Mississippi Junior Tennis Development Camp at Millsaps. - Photograph by Diamondhead.

Backwash

BY ANN STEFFEL

FLYING SCOT RACES - RANDY SANTA CRUZ began his first season in the Expert Class with two first places on the opening day of racing the BWYC Flying Scots last Saturday. CHUCK BREATH came on strong on Sunday to win his first two races also. Race results for Saturday, May 21:

EXPERT - First, Randy Santa Cruz, crew-Dennis Steffel and Grace Santa Cruz; Second, Ann Steffel, crew-Edgar Santa Cruz and Ed Turnipseed; Third, Don Chamberlain, crew-Marc Eagan and Gail Entringer; FOURTH, Basil Kennedy, crew-Weezy Kennedy and Gordon Boh; Fifth, Ellen Eagan, crew-Lynn Eagan and Peter Gambel; Sixth, Lucien Gex, crew-Anne Gordon and Mac Hadden.

EXPERT - First, Randy Santa Cruz, crew-Dtiffel and Ford Gaudin; Second, Woody Santa Cruz, crew-Edgar Santa Cruz and Maury McCurdy; Third, Ed Turnipseed, crew-Grace Santa Cruz and Elizabeth Chapman; Fourth, Mac Hadden, crew-Ellen Eagan and Peter Gambel; Fifth, Ray Steffel, crew-Ann and Bish Steffel.

Race results for Sunday, May 22:

A-Race - First, Dennis Steffel, crew-Randy Santa Cruz and Ford Gaudin; Second, Anne Gordon, crew-Grace Santa Cruz and Elizabeth Chapman; Third, Rod Steffel, crew-John Robin Adams and Janet Gordon; Fourth, Gordon Boh, crew-Jane Gordon and John Adams.

EXPERT - First, Chuck Breath, crew-Ellen Breath and Kay Kergosien; Second, Randy Santa Cruz, crew-Dennis Steffel and Ford Gaudin; Third, Mac Hadden, crew-Bish Steffel and Ellen Eagan; Fourth, Ed Turnipseed, crew-Edgar Santa Cruz and Kathryn Boh; Fifth, Elizabeth Chapman, crew-Chris Steffel and Anne Gordon.

EXPERT - First, Chuck Breath, crew-Ellen Breath and Kay Kergosien; Second, Ed Turnipseed, crew-Edgar Santa Cruz and Kathryn Boh; Third, Randy Santa Cruz, crew-Dennis Steffel and Ford Gaudin.

Fourth, Ann Steffel, crew-Gordon Boh and Grace Santa Cruz; Fifth, Chris Steffel, crew-Anne Gordon and Elizabeth Chapman.

Elwood**Little League**

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MAY 28, 1977

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Pirates	3	7	.300
Astros	3	9	.250

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INNINGS	RUNS	HITS	WALKS	S.O.	W	L
David Moss	25	21	20	59	6	0
Chuck Goodwin	27	14	2	30	5	0
Allen James	18	31	19	21	23	2
Byron Smith	29	46	13	59	48	4
Brian Corr	14	42	25	23	19	1
Archie Thomas	26	50	25	45	52	1
John Henry	14	47	26	23	17	1
Barry Ladner	20	34	22	25	40	0
Dwain Allman	28	71	27	42	45	1
Donald Dwyer	7	24	8	16	9	0
Mike Detrick	2	6	6	8	2	0
Gifford Pace	2	3	3	2	0	0

LEAGUE**BATTING****AVERAGES**

Chuck Goodwin	.756	Alfred Serio	.156
Mike Gray	.450	(Mark) Eugene Lemay	.153
Dwain Allman	.400	Jonne Fitzgerald	.142
John Zimmerman	.400	Jody Comprettta	.142
Donald Dwyer	.350	Pat Walsh	.117
Randy Bounds	.322	Kirk Ladner	.100
Fred Peterman	.322	Brian Corr	.095
Dean DiSalvo	.321	Keven Kendricks	.083
Don Lozano	.300	Bert Von Antz	.058
Archie Thomas	.296	Richard Goltz	.052
Rodney Poyadou	.285	Bobby Frazier	.000
Gifford Pace	.280	Tony Bertrand	.000
Allen James	.280	Jerry Voss	.000
Thomas Antoine	.280	Edward Heath	.000
Mike Orlin	.277	Mike Detrick	.000
Byron Smith	.269	Rod Gerideau	.000
Charles Hawkins	.265	Deana Peterson	.000
Pat Cuevas	.260	Chris Torres	.000
Jim Necaise	.260	Christine Longo	.000
Roy Calhoun	.260	Billy Power	.000
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AMERICAN LEGION AWARD - the highest honor the legion can bestow - is presented to Michael Collins and Mitzl Plessala of Bay Catholic Elementary School at final assembly mass in Our Lady of Gulf Catholic Church by City Judge and Legionnaire Joseph Benvenuti. Benvenuti told students the recipients had already demonstrated dedication to God, study, and country, and hoped that they, and their fellow school members, would remember to carry these attributes with them through life.

SOLEMN MOMENT in taking of communion in final moments of school year at Bay Catholic Elementary School. Msgr. Gregory Johnson asked students to use summer wisely and above all try to help someone else.



VA news

Q - How may a former serviceman obtain a copy of his lost or destroyed report of separation from service?

A - Any VA office will provide a form on which he may request a duplicate from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. In addition, if the former service person had his discharge recorded with his county upon separation from service, he may be able to get a copy from that source.

Q - How much burial expense is paid by VA upon the death of an honorably

separated wartime veteran?

A - A burial allowance not to exceed \$250 plus an amount not to exceed \$150 toward cost of a burial plot or interment if not buried in a national cemetery.

Payment not to exceed \$800 may be made if the veteran's death is found by VA to be service-connected. Additionally, transportation costs are paid in certain instances.

Q - May a beneficiary receiving dependency and indemnity compensation reside in a foreign country?

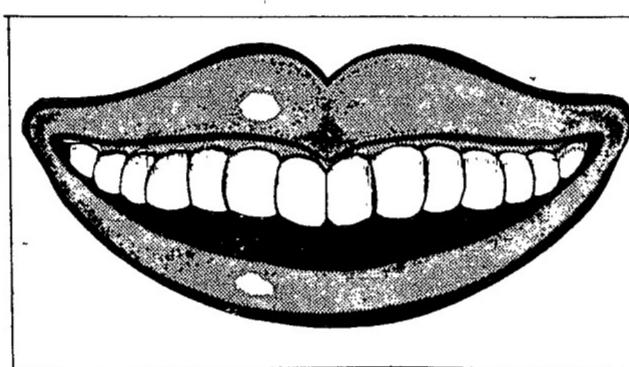
A - There are no restrictions to beneficiaries residing in foreign countries, except those residing in "blocked countries." Complete information is available at any VA office or American Consular office.

current law pension rates.

Q - Isn't there a new provision in the VA pension law which pays an increased amount for an older veteran?

Q - What is a contingent beneficiary for my Veterans Group Life Insurance?

A - A contingent beneficiary is designated to receive the insurance proceeds if the principal beneficiary dies before the insured.



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Corpsmember Frank Brown of 210 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis, Ms., took part in the 216th graduation exercise, May 25 at the Singer Beckrindridge Job Corps Center, Morgan Field, Ky.

Corpsmember Frank Brown successfully completed studies in metal trades and plans a career in the field of welding.

**Honors told
by Ole Miss**

Twenty-four students from this area have been named to The University of Mississippi Chancellor's Honor Roll for the spring semester, and a further 14 to the Dean's List.

A grade point average between 3.7 and 4.0 is required of full-time students carrying at least 14 semester hours for listing on the Chancellor's Honor Roll and between 3.4 and 3.69 for the Dean's list.

Chancellor's List members include: from Gulfport, Susan Ann Belanger, Gaines H. Cleveland, Thomas Albert Quiley, Julia Rae Smith, Stuart Herman Smith and Nancy Claire White; from Bay Saint Louis, Susan Alice Benvenuti, Janet Lee Hamilton, Mary Katherine Johnson, John Mark Lauderdale and David Allen Treutel Jr.; from Biloxi, James Richard Frees and Kenneth George Trahan; from Biloxi, Ronald Steven Cochran, Timothy Hall Menius and Cathy Gene Smith; from Long Beach, Sandra Gail Bosarge, Donald Keith Gaddy, Tommy Edward Graham, Kim Marie Huch, Dawn Marie Ladner, David Orris McCormick and William Allen Walker; from Pass Christian, Frank Lamar Schmidt.

Dean's List members include: from Gulfport, Dwain Dale Dillard, Eugene D. McNally, William Thomas Pfleeger, Robert Wilson Ratliff, Roger Norman Smith, and Mary Ann Wood; from Bay Saint Louis, Carl Shelton Ladner, Jr. and Michael Stephen Phillips; from Biloxi, Gail Ann Diffendorfer; from Biloxi Carol Ann Cross Obarr; from Long Beach, Robert Lewis Harter and Pete Wendell Price; from Pass Christian, Rory Robin Rafferty Jr.; and from Waveland, Roberts Lee Warner Jr.

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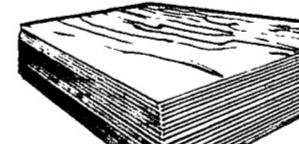
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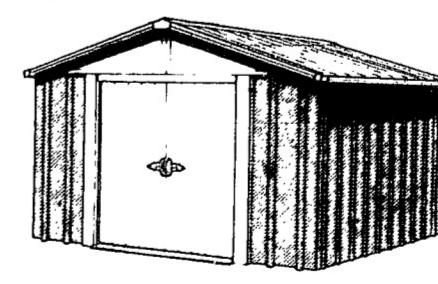
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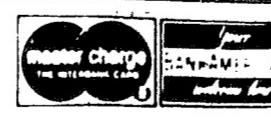
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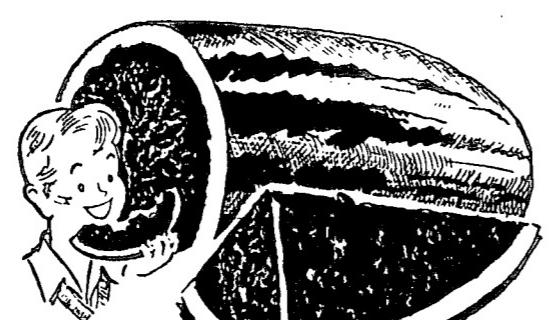
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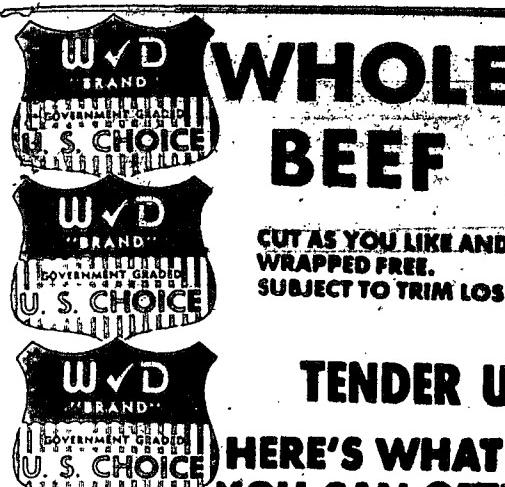
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"(name of person to whom letter addressed) ... if you accept this nomination by returning the attached membership application, along with your annual membership dues of \$5 or more, you will receive a 1977 membership card, two bumper stickers for your automobile and a year's subscription to our publication The Mississippi Sheriff.

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Ranches will not be juvenile delinquents, but will be good kids who are among the growing number of innocent victims of tragic home situations.

The Mississippi Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranches will be supported by the Sheriffs of Mississippi and will be dependent upon the voluntary support of concerned citizens of Mississippi for its growth and development. Please forward your check today and become a charter supporter of this new home for our state's unfortunate children.

Sheriff Ladner said it sounds as though people will become deputies in his department following their sending money, a fact that is strictly not true. "I am asking everybody in the county to ignore this letter and do not send any money," Ladner repeated.

McCall ...

fice, an element of NOAA's Office of Ocean Engineering, McCall will be responsible for the development, deployment, and operation of a national system of ocean buoys used to record and report oceanographic and meteorological data via satellite and other communications media. The office is in Bay St. Louis, at the National Space Technology Laboratories.

A native of Mississippi, McCall holds BA and MA degrees from the University of Mississippi, and MS and Ph. D. degrees from the University of

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Illinois, all of them in mathematics, but including study in engineering.

He joined NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center late in the 1950's where he served as assistant to Dr. Werner von Braun and later as deputy director of campus life," said Mrs. Becky Brechtel, director of Mini-Quarter.

After seven years with NASA, McCall became manager of IBM's space transportation system and from 1973 to 1976 was executive vice chancellor at the University of Mississippi. He and Mrs. McCall, the former Margaret Ruth Denton of Tupelo, reside in Gulfport with their three children.

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Ingalls, are: Eileen Ingalls and Joseph Borostowski, all of Illinois, and Arnett Ladner of Gulfport.

Chancellor John S. Morris is scheduled to hear the request for a temporary injunction on June 30 in Gulfport.

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"Following his presentation the full commission upheld me in my decision..." Williams allowed.

Speaking of other matters, Williams said the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation "... has assured us of the money we need ..." for the installation of a wave pool at Buccaneer.

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University of America), being graduated from both in 1976. Ladner is to return to New York following his marriage to Miss Sandra Sue Throop of Gulfport, although the couple's long range plans do not preclude the possibility of returning to Mississippi on a permanent basis.

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As with any undertaking of this size, we are sure there will be some errors...for those we apologize.

Now, read and enjoy, "Our Heritage Remembered".

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director of Museums at Ole

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process financially and

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relieving the Museum's

budget.

"Suppose a group of people

chose to adopt, or sponsor the

conservation of, for instance a

Civil War colonel's coat?" she

said, holding a coat peppered

with moth holes. "The cost to

the group would be the price of

expert consultation and, once an estimate is received as to

whether the object is worth

restoring, the actual work."

Mrs. Braybrooke said she

has never heard of an artifacts-adoption program but

believes it may be successful.

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Mini quarter set

The fourth annual Mini-Quarter program will get underway at the University of Southern Mississippi on June 13 and continue through August 8.

The summer-long segments of one, two or three day sessions are pre-registration programs designed to help all new freshman and transfer students become acquainted with USM.

First sessions in the fourth annual Mini Quarter program are for freshmen and transfer students in science and nursing. Freshmen will report June 13, 14 and 15 and transfers on June 16 and 17.

The most important aspects of the program are academic advisement and pre-registration, as well as the new students' introduction to personal adjustments of campus life," said Mrs. Becky Brechtel, director of Mini-Quarter.

Mini-Quarter accommodates a variety of special interest groups at USM. These sessions will revolve around such topics dealing with residence hall living, veterans seminar, adult seminar, black students seminar and career development.

In addition, Mini-Quarter offers one semester hour of college credit to those students who complete one entire orientation session and who returns to the university for one academic term.

Mrs. Brechtel, points out Mini-Quarter is designed for the older adult, veteran, bootstrapper, and rehabilitation student, as well as the Honors College student and varsity athlete. Special seminars are provided for different interest levels and individual needs during each session.

Pre-registration follows academic advisement and transcript evaluation. Classes, time schedules and instructors are finalized in this phase and housing and post office box assignments are made.

Each student at Mini-Quarter is a member of small group of students, usually 10-15, with a student facilitator. Placement tests for freshmen and transfer students will be given in the areas of chemistry, mathematics, music theory and foreign language.

A Parents Session will include discussions on finances, housing availability, fraternities and sororities, rules and regulations.

The sessions, limited to 150

students per session are arranged on the basis of the earliest reservations.

There is a Parents Session, which includes registration, afternoon programs and a banquet. Housing is available in the residence halls for parents.

Additional information regarding pre-registration and Mini-Quarter fees can be secured from Mini-Quarter, USM Southern Station Box 11, Hattiesburg, MS 39401, phone 266-7111.

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Nine Weeks

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Scott Cuevas
Christy Funk
Stanley Hoda
Sharon Koenen
Desiree Ladner
Johnny Ladner
Pam Ladner
Rhet Ladner
Roger Dean Ladner
Sonya Lee
Twyla Lee
Diane McDuff
Jubel Mitchell
Laurie Mitchell
Brian Moore
Dana Moran
Robin Seal
Sherry Shaw
Teresa Smith
Michelle Turner
Marin McQueen

2ND GRADE

Lisa Berry
John Bilbo
Mary Burrow
Shannon Clark
Steven Croll
Jenny Doggett
Curt Deschamp
Beth Guagliardo
Janet Henley
Charlene Fleming
Lori Funk
Louraine Ingulia
Buffy Knight ALL A's
Rory King ALL A's
Amanda Ladner
Julie Ladner
Ken Ladner
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Shane Ladner
Delano Lewis
Darrin Maufray
Jeff Necaise
LeAnne Necaise
Paul Necaise
Thomas Necaise
Jane Norton
Chris Ory
Jennifer Rester
Carlos Shiyou
Shannon Stauffer
Willa Turner
Troy Wickstrom

3RD GRADE

Annette Brignac
Debbie Burch
Deanna Cameron
Robin Cameron
Dale Cuevas
Latricia Cuevas
Paula Cuevas
Davis Garcia
Danny Hamby
Patti Hester
Steven Hoda
Stanley Jordan
Denise Kemp
Marlin McQueen
Jubel Mitchell
Laurie Mitchell
Brian Moore
Bronson Saucier
Melissa Ladner

Semester

1ST GRADE
Eretta Baradell
Scott Cuevas
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Katherine Haas
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Brian Moore
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Beta

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James Smith

Fourth Grade - Straight A's

Kim Ori
Mary Ann Shippey
Tammy Thomas
Michael Wyatt
Dean DiSalvo
Suzette Ladner
Alpha
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Sherry Shaw Theresa Smith Trace Thurston

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5TH GRADE

Bethany Arcement
Barbara Brewer
Brandon Berry
Chris Evert
Danita Ladner

Pamela Ladner, Faron Lee Renee Skogen

6TH GRADE

Angela Koeneen
Stacey Ladner
Terri Ladner
Dion Lee
Caroline Necaise
Gidget Necaise
Tyron Necaise
Tanya Peterson
Rhonda Seal



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St. Clare's makes honors students known

First grade - Straight A's

Kristy Clark
Melanie Kilpatrick
Joseph Overall
Alpha-A Average
Robert Bourgeois
Catherine Bermond
Beta-B Average
Glenn Dorr
Stevie Friloux
Tommy Friloux
Sharon Orlin
Chris Von Antz
Second Grade - Straight A's
Michael Rorhine
Danielle Bourgeois
Alpha-A
Chuck Breath
Scott Comeaux
Scott Karl
Sherri Smith
April Thomas
Beta-B
Sean Stakelum
Julie Selier
Sherry Sahuque
Patrick Bermond
Troy Ming
Kristy Kidd
Theresa Holzhauser
Mark Haverty
Patricia Garcia
Third Grade - Straight A's
Shelly Comeaux
Kathy Dodson
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Beta
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Cynthia France
Edward Heath
James Mirandy

Sixth Grade - Straight A's

Juanita Loup
Alpha
Marcy Asher
Kim Clark
Michael Haverty
Warren Keating
Christine Longo
Robert Peterson
Clyde Phillips
Jami Romine
Randy Watkins

Beta

Donna Holzhauser
Marty Sahique
Julie Shippey
Kelly Zitterkopf
Sixth Grade - Straight A's
Juanita Loup
Alpha
Marcy Asher
Kim Clark
Michael Haverty
Warren Keating
Christine Longo
Robert Peterson
Clyde Phillips
Jami Romine
Randy Watkins

Seventh Grade - Alpha

Randy Watkins was the recipient of the American Legion award for the sixth grade.
Diane Caserta
Beta
Michelle Bourgeois
Maureen Stakelum
Debbie Turan

Eighth Grade - Alpha

Tracy Tague
Randy Watkins was the recipient of the American Legion award for the eighth grade.
Ann Schott
Diane Tilton
Penny Bourgeois
Alpha
Vickie Young
Beth Romine
Melissa Maggio
Beta
Cindy Sahuque
Laurie Lachin
Sheille Jeanfreau
Connie Clark

Seventh Grade - Beta

The award for the highest scholastic average was presented to Anne Schott and Diane Tilton who tied for the honor.

Eighth Grade - Beta

Kay Peterson received the service award and Penny Bourgeois was the recipient of the American Legion award.

Awards

Awards were presented at 8th grade graduation May 10.



VINCENT CUEVAS



DAPHNIE NECAISE



ANGELA BENNETT



SANDY NECAISE



PAM LADNER



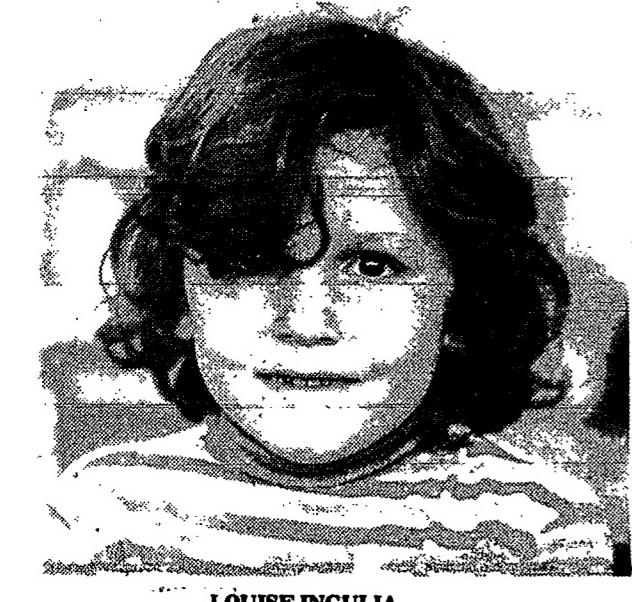
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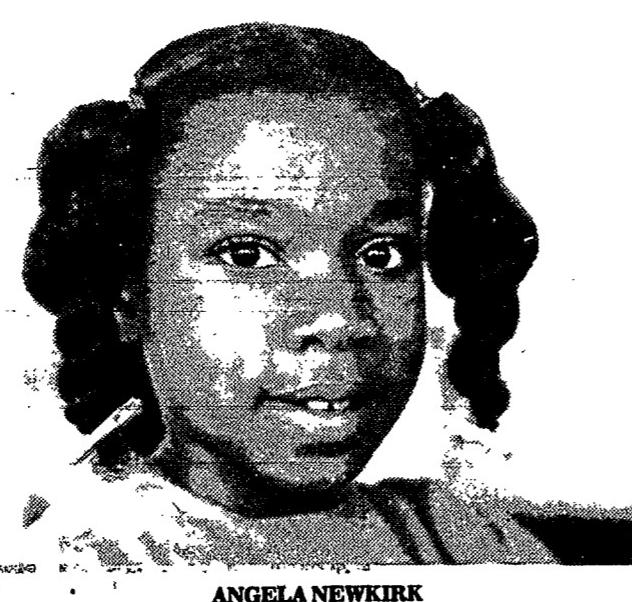
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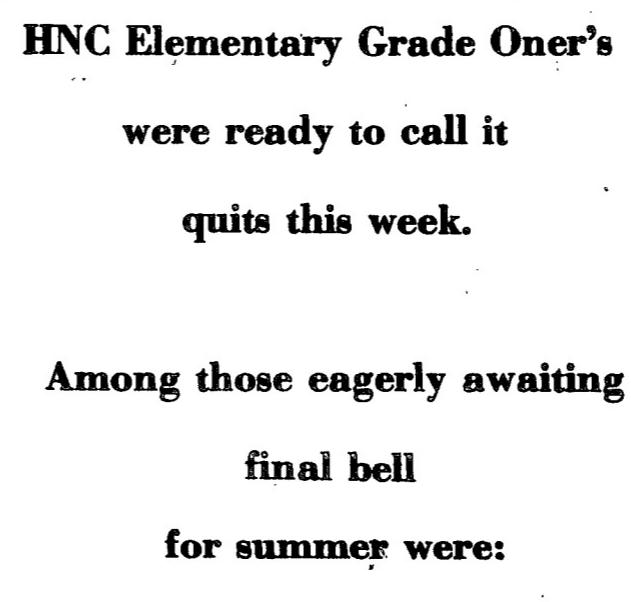
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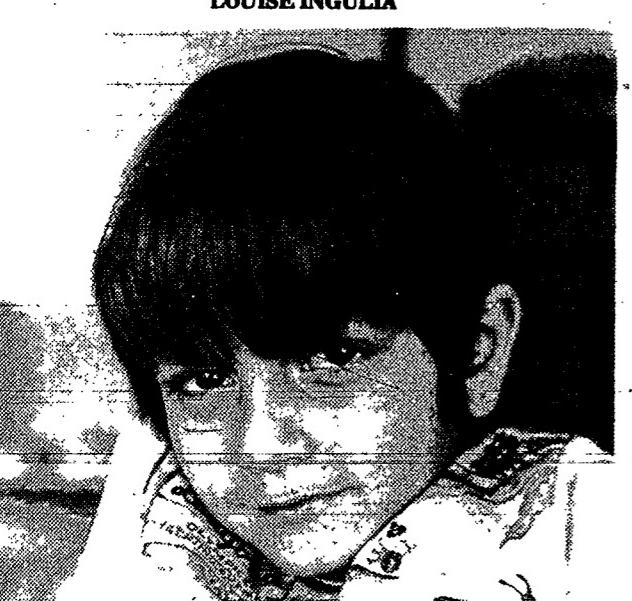
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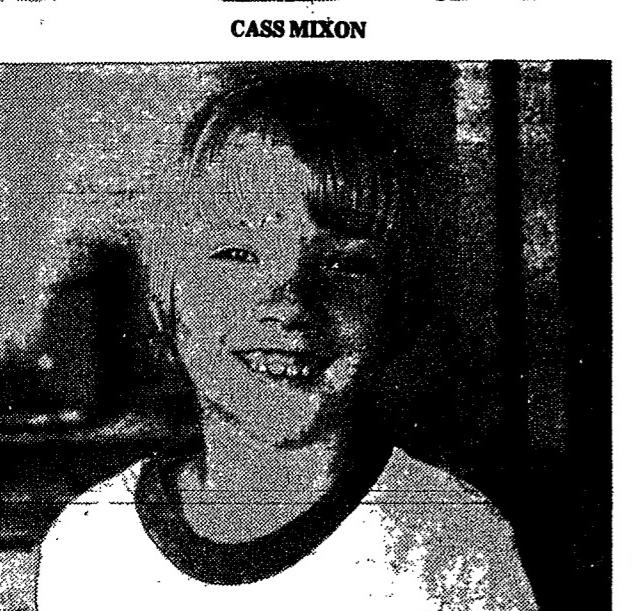
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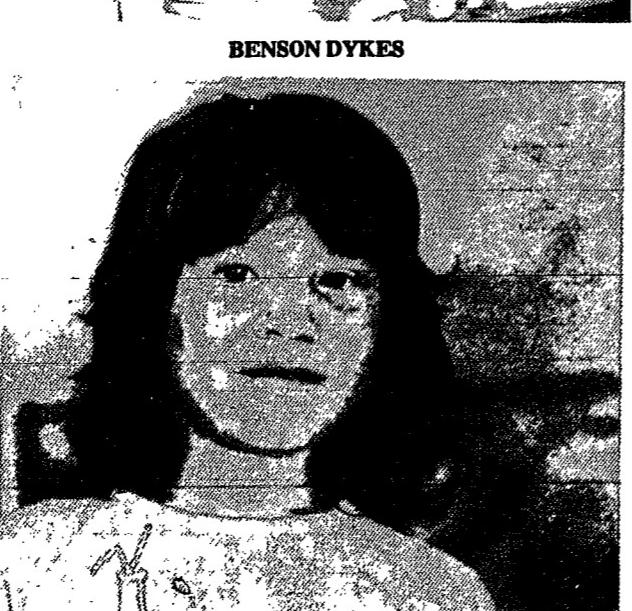
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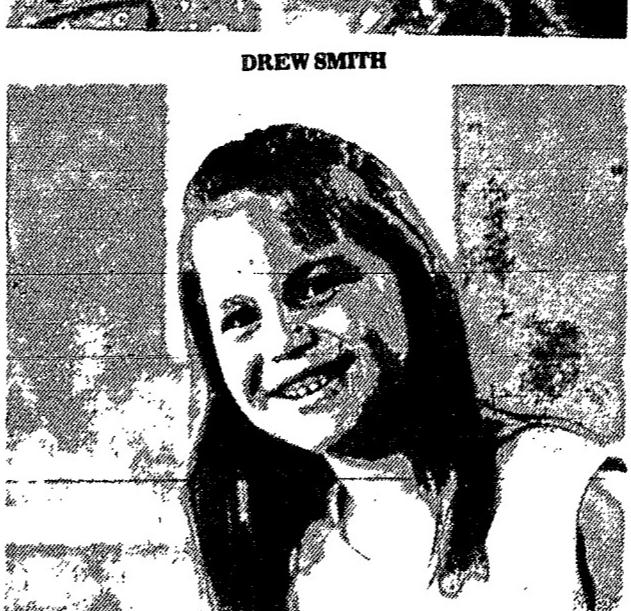
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4	4	6,363	6,363	6,363	6,363
5	5	5,093	5,093	5,093	5,093
6	6	4,244	4,244	4,244	4,244
7	7	3,634	3,634	3,634	3,634
8	8	3,168	3,168	3,168	3,168
9	9	2,765	2,765	2,765	2,765
10	10	2,415	2,415	2,415	2,415
11	11	2,115	2,115	2,115	2,115
12	12	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
13	13	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618
14	14	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410
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OUR HERITAGE REMEMBERED

Dedicated to the people of Hancock County

SEA COAST ECHO-Sunday, May 29, 1977

Edited by Joe Pilot

Chicapoula alias Shieldsboro now Bay St. Louis

Indians called it bad grass), Jean Baptiste le Moyne Bienville called it Bay named by his brother,

St. Louis because it bordered the Saint King Louis IX of France. Early settlers called it Shieldsboro in honor of General Thomas Shields the inspector of light houses in the Pearl River District. Finally, in the year 1875 the town was incorporated and resumed the name Bay St. Louis.

Little remains of the Choctaw Indian Village, Chicapoula. Archaeologists have found evidence of these ancient people and have told us something of their life style. Some families have a few mementos such as arrow heads, beautifully woven baskets, bits of pottery, tools and tomahawks. We have beautiful legends passed down from generations by those who knew and lived among these noble people...and we have Rotten Bayou, so named because on the banks of this stream Indians butchered their game, leaving the offal

d'Iberville, in honor of the d'Iberville, in honor of the Saint King Louis IX of France. Early settlers called it Shieldsboro in honor of General Thomas Shields the inspector of light houses in the Pearl River District. Finally, in the year 1875 the town was incorporated and resumed the name Bay St. Louis.

Not many present day Bay St. Louis people know much about Thomas Shield, however, there is a marker location on Highway 90 explaining Old Shieldsboro.

Lest we forget our heritage, it is the responsibility of the Sea Coast Echo from time to time to print a brief history, some of the things traditional in our area and recall the names of some of the outstanding people who have contributed to our delightful county with its pleasant way of life. It is in their honor that we dedicate this special edition of our paper.



IN HONOR OF the anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Bay St. Louis, Don Presley, public relations official for South Central Bell Telephone Company presents a cake depicting scenes of St. Stanislaus, the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and the Bay Bridge. The dates on the cake, 1875-1971, commemorate the incorporation of the City on March 2, 1875. From left to right, Commissioner William Fristis, Presley, Mayor Warren Carver and Commissioner Andre Arceneaux.

(Echo Staff Photo by Marileen Maher)

**March 19, 1886
red letter day
for City of Bay**

In a communication mailed from Jackson, Mississippi and directed on March 19, 1886 to the Honorable James A. Ulman, Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis was the long awaited approval of The Charter and Ordinances of the City of Bay St. Louis. A copy of this document is filed in the City Hall, and although dog-eared from continuous use and multi-patched by caring people who have tried to preserve it, the 69 pages are faded, tattered, but legible. Every conceivable situation that could confront a little newly incorporated city was spelled out, together with whose specific duty it was to make suitable correction, and what punishment should be meted out against offenders. The City was run by a mayor, four aldermen, a secretary, tax collector, treasurer and marshal. It was up to the marshal to take care of such thorny problems as disposal of dogs, hogs, goats, horses, vicious animals, tramps, vagrants and prostitutes. He was given command to poison the dogs, impound the animals and sell them at public auction to recoup cost.

Property owners had the responsibility of keeping the banquets (sidewalks) in front of their residences or places of business clear and free from all trash, dirt, slush or slops and to keep the space in front of the lands, lots or houses, owned or occupied by him or her or them of 100 feet, if fronting on the sea, or across the street if any other part of the city, clear of weeds or filth. This ruling came under the heading of Nuisances and the Street Commissioner looked after enforcement and was also charged with the responsibility of seeing that dead

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Waveland known as little New Orleans

In its early beginnings Waveland, a summer resort town, was called "Little New Orleans" because most of its population was made up of city dwellers who built summer homes "across the Bay" where they relaxed, entertained guests, lived the good life and escaped the heat of the city. Migrating like birds at the end of the school year, families closed their formal New Orleans homes and took up residence in Waveland located only 51 miles away.

The choice of Waveland as a summer resort was logical, in addition to the near proximity to the city, average elevation of 15 feet above sea level, excellent commuter service provided by the L. & N. railroad, boating, fishing, crabbing, shrimping, bountiful wild life, the wide open spaces were enticing.

Like the "Man Who Came for Breakfast", many came to visit ... and lingered to live in Waveland. By the time of the 1970 census the population of Waveland was 3,108 and there had, of course, been some changes. Changes made slowly and carefully in order to preserve the flavor and the delightful quality of life found in small and well ordered communities.

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Camille Statistics

Following Hurricane Camille, most devastating hurricane ever to strike the Western Hemisphere, the American Red Cross in September of 1969 provided the following statistical data:

(Editor's note: This data is for the entire Gulf Coast area.)	Number of dead	135
Missing	42	
No. major injury	528	
Minor injury	8,469	
Homes destroyed	5,660	
Homes major damage	13,155	
Mobile homes destroyed	921	
Mobile homes major damage	521	
Small businesses destroyed or major damage	726	
Farm bldg. destroyed	444	
Farm bldg. Major damage	882	
Small boats destroyed or damaged	178	
Number of persons still in shelters	500	
No. of registrations to date	24,059	
Total number of meals fed	443,598	
Red Cross staff assigned	528	
Red Cross nurses assigned	20	
Estimated no. of families affected	69,100	
No. requesting assistance	over 28,000	

OYSTERS

10 oz. fresh spinach, washed, drained and coarsely chopped. 1 1/2 cups chopped scallions, including green parts. 1 cup chopped celery and 1 cup chopped parsley. 2 large cloves of garlic, six ozs. butter; 1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs, 1 tbsp. anchovy paste; 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper, 1/4 cup Pernod, Ricard, or Herbsaint liqueur, Rock salt and 2 doz. oysters on-the-half-shell.

Mix spinach, scallions, celery, parsley and garlic together and put through a meat grinder on fine blade. Melt butter over low heat, stir in spinach mixture, add bread crumbs, anchovy paste and pepper. Cook over low heat for 5 min. Stir in liquor and remove from heat. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spread rock salt in pan to steady shells with oysters, spoon mixture with

over oysters and bake 10 to 15 minutes until oysters begin to curl around edge. Serves 4 to 6 as a first course.

Waveland, the small and friendly town, joins forces with Bay St. Louis frequently. The twin cities share the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club; the Bay-Waveland Garden Club; Rotary Club, Little Theatre and facilities of the Hancock General Hospital, etc. There's Welcome Station on Highway 90 entering Waveland, and they mean it.

**BARBARA RAPPOLD,
WELL-KNOWN in
Waveland's Town Hall as
Clerk and "good right hand"
of Mayor John Longo.**

G. Sanger, Supt.

WEST square of corner stone:

Richard Mendes Auditor and City Secretary

J. B. Ioor Asst. and Tax Collector

T. J. Conway, Treas.

R. T. Murtagh, Marshal

F. Banderet, Street Com.

SOUTH square:

City of Bay St. Louis Incorporated 1870

City Hall Erected 1905

EAST square:

E. E. O'Brien, Mayor

L. H. Von Gohren

J. L. Favre

R. C. Engman

R. F. O'Brien

Aldermen

NORTH square:

Gaston G. Gardeblod

Contractor and Builder

Diball and Owens, Architects

G. Sanger, Supt.

WAVELAND CITY HALL

**Don't let facts confuse you
take your pick of dates
when Bay incorporated**

(Ed. Note: A first person account of this reporter's attempt to document City Charter Dates)

In the year 1958 the City of Bay St. Louis had a celebration commemorating 100 years of incorporation.

There was pomp along with ceremony. City officials included John A. Scafide, Mayor; Cyril Glover, and Warren E. Traub, commissioners.

Messages of congratulations poured in from such prestigious persons as Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; and J. P. Coleman, Governor of the Great State of Mississippi.

Neighboring dignitaries added their felicitations, including Garland Ladner, Mayor of Waveland; Frank S. Canty, Mayor of Pascagoula; J. C. Gay, Mayor of Ocean Springs; and L. Crosby, Jr., Mayor of Picayune.

For this occasion the press did an outstanding job. The

considerable historical knowledge, had been commissioned by the city to research and provide background material for the celebration.

Inez Labat lives at 307 Easterbrook and she has received merited recognition for her many cultural con-

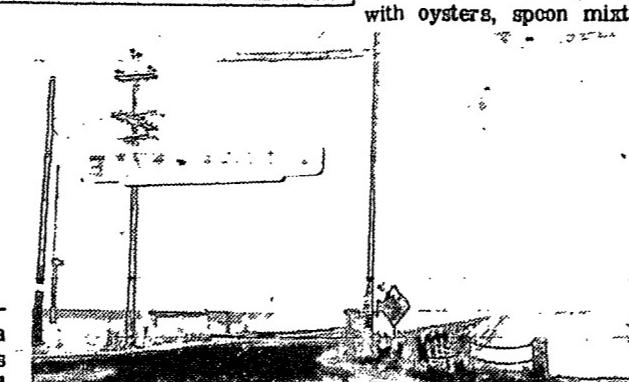
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**DIAMONDHEAD
DEVELOPS**

In May 1971 The Hancock County Board of Supervisors approved the 8th Unit of a plat for Diamondhead residential development.

Recommendations were made by the Hancock County Planning Commission of which Roy Baxter was president.

The question of the hour is this: WHY, OH WHY, was the date 1958 selected to celebrate Bay St. Louis' one hundredth year as an incorporated city? Through the courtesy of former commissioner, Warren Traub, I was informed that Inez Labat, a lady of



A WOODEN BRIDGE spanned the Bay of St. Louis connecting Henderson Point and Bay St. Louis. This photo taken in 1948. Courtesy of Mrs. Emmett Baughman.

Hancock County named for Declaration signer

John Hancock, not only was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence but he signed it with the boldest strokes of the pen and the largest letters. Perhaps, in a measure, this explains why our founding fathers so named Hancock County.

Hancock County was established December 14, 1812, during the territorial era. It was a large and sprawling County with beautiful stretches of yellow pine, fresh water streams, bays and bayous. It was rich, rambling and raw and waiting

for development. The first major development came in 1841 when a portion of the county was embodied in the newly formed Harrison County. (Dividing line for Hancock and Harrison

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John Hancock

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 Counties is in the center of the Bay of St. Louis). In February of 1890 another division of Hancock County was made with the formation of Pearl River County.

Presently Hancock County has a land area of 485 square miles and is situated in what is called the Gulf Coastal Terrace soil area of Mississippi, bordering the Gulf of Mexico and the State of Louisiana.

Officers in Hancock County include Sheriff Sylvan J. Ladner, Jr.; Chancery Clerk, John D. Rutherford, Jr.; Tax Assessor and Collector, George Heitzmann; and Superintendent of Education, Terrell Randolph.

The County is divided into five districts with 1st district supervisor, Bert Courtright; 2nd, Alton A. Kellar; 3rd, Oscar Peterson; 4th Sam Pernicaro and 5th, James Travica.

March 19th

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Aldermen were paid two dollars for each regular meeting actually attended when present at roll call. Other costs of running the city were considerable, on Section 30 of the Charter it was further enacted, That the Mayor shall for his services receive a salary of not more than three hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars per annum." Under caption Revised Ordinances, Chapter XII and Sec. 91 in relation to salaries and fees: "The officers of the city shall receive as compensation for their services, the following salaries, payable out of the city treasury by warrant:

1. The Secretary, two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

2. The Collector, five percent on all collections to be retained by him in settlements.

3. The Assessor, seven percent upon the amount of his assessments for his services; provided that such compensation shall not be less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars, to be paid on completion and approval of the assessment rolls.

4. The Treasurer, shall be allowed two and one half percent on all money received by him for city purposes, except what he may receive from his predecessor in office.

5. The City Marshal, two hundred and forty dollars per annum.

6. The Street Commissioner, eight dollars per month."

The Secretary for copies or transcripts from the books of office or other official papers got the handsome sum of ten cents per hundred words.

Minutes of the meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were written with painstaking care with indelible ink and for the most part in fine well-formed Spencerian script. Platt Rogers Spencer who taught the Spencerian Method of Penmanship - may his name be praised! The minutes are legible!

Humane Society founded

"It was on January 10, 1973, that a small group of out-of-state people presently residents of Hancock County, met at the Valena Jones building on Old Spanish Trail to talk over plans to form a sorely needed humane society in this area," wrote Mrs. Clifford Backlund, on August 7, 1976. She served as President of the organization that grew out of that meeting and received its charter on February 15, 1973.

Sixty seven members joined the group, four of which are very active, according to Mrs. Backlund. The work includes work on cruelty cases, helping with adoption of animals, and an attempt to educate the public.

The group would like to see more adequate shelter facilities and more enforcement of ordinances dealing with roaming dogs;

Prominent Black people make noteworthy news

With the renewed interest in Hancock County, it would seem appropriate to recognize the black Hancock Countians collectively, and in some cases individually, for the quality of their services and contributions.

As we peruse the pages of our coastal history it is gratifying to know there has ever been a warm relationship which was not made mandatory by desegregation.

Etienne William Maxson was a teacher in the public schools of Hancock County. He was also postmaster at Pearlington from January 3, 1899 to May 31, 1916. He left that post to go to Washington where he was an employee in the Department of Agriculture. Maxson was author of a book entitled *The Progress of the Races* which was printed with copyright in 1930. His book lists 89 colored Captains and the vessels they mastered! Concisely and with accuracy Maxson's chapters reflect the character of this truly progressive man: "I would therefore implore the colored people to have faith in God, cultivate a friendly spirit with all whom you may come in touch, educate and acquire wealth. Doubtless you will then be in a position to demand all of the civil rights you are now deprived of in the United States of America."

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter a duplicate copy of this book was placed in the Rare Book Room of the City-County Public Library in Bay St. Louis.

Inez Labat, who began her teaching career in Bay St. Louis at the Valena C. Jones School won recognition well merited for her long career as an outstanding educator.

Retired in 1961 and now living in Bay St. Louis, Mrs. Labat holds membership in Mississippi Historical Society, Louisiana Historical Society, as well as the Historical Association of London, England. In June of 1976 she received a certificate of appreciation from the Hancock County Historical Society, having donated to the City-County Library an excellent collection of reference books.

Richmond Barthe of Bay St. Louis, a noted sculptor, has works on permanent display in the Metropolitan Museum and the Whitney Museum of New York. His great American eagle dominates the entrance of the Social Security Building in Washington...his works are in private collections of France, England, Germany, India and other countries. Taken out of school at 7th grade level in Bay St. Louis by his widowed seamstress mother to help support his family, Barthe went on to merit two Julius Rosenwald fellowships, two Gugger em fellowships and numerous citations and awards. His first attempt at sculpture in 1928 exhibited in Chicago and named, "The Negro in Art" started him on his road to fame. One of Barthe's works is a prized possession of the City-County Public Library.

Valena C. Jones nee Valena Cecilia MacArthur was born in Bay St. Louis August 3, 1872 and her teaching career started in rural Mississippi around the year 1890. She was graduated from Straight College of New Orleans in 1892 and became principal of the Bay St. Louis negro school, five years later she went to New Orleans to teach in the public school system there. She died January 13, 1917 and in 1918 became the fourth black for whom a New Orleans public school was named. The Valena C. Jones building in Bay St. Louis was formerly a Negro public school named in her honor. Following the desegregation of schools the school was converted into space for Hancock County Senior Citizens, the Bay St. Louis Fire and Police Departments and Employment offices. Mrs. Jones retired from teaching in 1901 to become the wife of the Reverend Robert E. Jones, remembered as Resident Bishop of the New Orleans area for the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend Jones edited the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Mrs. Jones made an outstanding contribution as an educator and was voted the most popular teacher in New Orleans public schools. The elementary school named in her honor at 1901 North Galvez dates back to 1905.

Emile Hazeur, Jr. became the first black to serve a term of five years on the Bay St. Louis Separate Municipal District school board. A native of Bay St. Louis, Hazeur was graduated from St. Rose de Lima High School and attended Xavier University in New Orleans for two years. He later completed a three years tour of duty with the United States Air Force (earned a certificate from the Eighth Army School of Electronics and Radar, as well as a certificate from the Naval Mine Warfare School at Yorktown, Virginia. The Hazeur family has long rated the recognition and respect of the Bay Community. Clement Hazeur and his brother, Emile, owners of property on Main Street for years operated a furniture repair, refinishing and upholstering business from their residences. Clement recalls they never left home, never advertised and were never

without more work than they could handle. Emile, Sr.'s death in 1963 closed the upholstery business, Clement now 79 continues his services.

Annette Giles of Pearlington recognized for her work with retarded children first taught in a school started by Mayor and Mrs. Warren Carver in 1959, through the years she devoted her life to the service of providing a foster home for children less fortunate, handicapped or retarded. The 40th child she and her husband, the Reverend Charles Giles, took into their home was retarded, could not speak and could not hear. He had been cared for in the basement of the Harrison County Courthouse by policemen prior to being accepted by the Giles.

Charles Giles, husband of Annette, preached in the Valena C. Jones Methodist Church on Sycamore Street.

Louis Piernas - an early

postmaster in the Bay St.

Louis post office is remem-

bered as a man of dignity and

worth, popular with both

whites and blacks and

respected for his civic con-

tributions.

Piernas' tenures in office

reflected the political climate

of the times. He was "in" with

the Republican and "out"

when Democrats dominated.

His local popularity, however,

was unaffected by changes

over.



VALENA C. JONES, born on August 3, 1872 in Bay St. Louis, Valena Cecilia MacArthur began teaching schools in rural Mississippi about 1890. She was principal of the Bay St. Louis Negro School 1892-1897 and taught from 1897-1901 as a public school teacher in New Orleans. Married in 1901 to the Reverend Robert E. Jones, resident Bishop of the New Orleans area for Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Jones no longer taught but kept actively interested in education. Several schools have been named in her honor including the Valena C. Jones in Bay St. Louis. At the age of 44 she died in New Orleans on January 13, 1917 and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. A year following her death a New Orleans Public School was named in her honor.

Madame de Mezieres identity a mystery

All land bordering the Bay of St. Louis was a land grant given to one Madame de Mezieres, so this reporter has been told. The date 1720, verified by the Department of Archives and History in Jackson, was the year she obtained title. A fire in the year 1853 burned the Hancock County Courthouse then located in Gainesville and old records were destroyed in that conflagration.

Inquiries made of local historians have shed little light on the identity of Madame de Mezieres, her full name? Where did she live? Why was she given this land grant?

A letter from Mrs. Myrtle Williams Payne of Camden, Arkansas said in part: "I believe I have found your mysterious Madame" and she enclosed a verifacit copy, a biography of Athanase de Mezieres Y Clughy, the son of Louis Christophe de Mezieres and Marie Antoinette Clughy. Could this be the son of Mme. de Mezieres? At any rate, Athanase de Mezieres was

born in Paris of a distinguished family and became a soldier, explorer, Indian agent. DeMezieres came to Louisiana in about 1733 and rose through the ranks from ensign to lieutenant colonel. He prospered and by 1766 possessed 35 slaves and 10,000 pounds of tobacco. His most vice was to supervise the Indian trade. He issued licenses to traders, cut off illicit traffic and induced Indians to deliver up intruding Englishmen. He was appointed Governor of Texas, however he died on November 2, 1779 before taking office. He is buried in Cathedral of San Fernando

San Antonio. A versatile and educated man, he wrote in French, Spanish and Latin. A prominent figure on our frontier, he is to be compared with his contemporaries, Juan Bautista de Anza and George Rogers Clark.

Of interest! But still undocumented is Madame de Mezieres - the mystery lady who owned so much land around the Bay of Saint Louis.

Lamb first woman president of CC

BY CAPT. MAX BERNIS

HANCOCK COUNTY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce

on November 13, 1925 was

issued a grant of charter titled

Bay St. Louis Chamber of

Commerce. On November 15, 1945 the corporate name was

changed to Hancock County

Chamber of Commerce and in

1976 Anita D. Lamb became

the first woman president in

the history of the Chamber.

Incorporators in 1925 were

Joseph O. Mauffray, Capt. C.

B. Fisher and R. C. Engman,

all of Bay St. Louis. When the

name was changed Al Voight

was president and Arthur A.

Scafide served as secretary-

treasurer. Currently P. D.

(Sonny) Bailey, Jr. serves as

president.

Hancock County has joined

the other Coast Chamber to

federation of the Gulf Coast Council, a

combination of the

Chambers of Commerce.

This body has had an important

influence in the designation of

the Hospitality Station,

located at the I-10 Ms-607

intersection. The Chamber

promotes tourism in the area

both as a Chamber of Commer-

ce and as a member of the

South Mississippi Tourist

Promotion Council. The

Chamber supported the

development of Buccaneer

State Park in Waveland and

the construction of the new

City-County Public Library.

Currently the Rotary Club

meets at Scafide's Wheel Inn

Restaurant on Highway 90. Its

roster totals 41 members with

officers including Richard O.

Shadoin, Pres.; John Rosetti,

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Low-down on Logtown

AS TOLD

BY HORATIO WESTON

"I'm no writer, but I can tell you something about it," explained Horatio Weston when asked about Logtown in its hey-day. Horatio was born in Logtown in 1900 and has the vantage point of being a descendant of the founder of H. Weston Lumber Company. The family kept letters, scrapbooks, photo albums, and collected books on lumbering and travel in the Longleaf Pine Belt. In an interview we poured over some of these documents and Horatio Weston made comments ... sometimes comical ... sometimes serious, but always interesting. Here's what he said:

CHILDHOOD

MEMORIES

"Our public school in Logtown went through the twelfth grade. There were only four teachers. I don't know how in the world they did it. And the building had only four rooms! A bell was erected on a post and somebody rang it when it was time for school dismissal. Boys used to slip out and tie a sweet potato to the end of the bell rope then a hog would come along and eat the sweet potato, pulling on the rope and the bell would ring as early classes dismissed. Sure, we brought our lunches, walked to school, and when necessary the girls went to the privy and the boys just went out in the bushes. Later on a sort of a sanitary disposal was installed."

TURTLES

There was a turtle canning factory in Bay St. Louis. These huge sea turtles were brought in by train.

The reptiles were alive, but placed on their backs so they couldn't move and great numbers were brought in. They say Turtles have seven different flavors in their meat and a negro named Charlie sold veal, fish, beef, chicken, lamb, etc. sandwiches all made from turtle meat. He was very popular with train passengers."

FERRIES

Weston recalled something of the road conditions and travel routes used by touring cars in 1917. He perused a highly prized Index Map of Automobile Routes. Roads were dirt or gravel and a typical route from Mobile to New Orleans follows: Route 701. Distance from Mobile to New Orleans 164.2 miles. Route crossed the iron bridge in Mobile and followed a fair graded sand road to Orange Grove and Scranton (now called Pascagoula). There it was necessary to take the Pascagoula Ferry (boat left on signal) and rates for car and passengers was \$3.00. It took an hour and a half to sail across the bay but usually one waited a while for the ferry.

STRAIGHT OUT

Straight out from the ferry landing and upgrade bearing left the route included Ocean Springs, Mississippi City, Gulfport, Long Beach, Pass Christian, DeLisle, Rock Bayou, Fenton, Kiln, and Logtown where directions said "fork at the mill and bear left and follow the plank road to the Pearl River Ferry. The fee at this ferry was \$2.00 and the time consumed in crossing two hours. After straightening out from the ferry landing the route took passengers to Slidell, LaCombe, Mandeville and here another ferry crossing Lake Pontchartrain. Auto rates for this crossing were \$5.00 plus .75 cents for each passenger and .40 cents for children under eleven. Time for crossing was two hours. Next town was Milneburg and then New Orleans.

"I recall my trip from Logtown to New Orleans in 1926 when I went to register at Tulane University," Weston said. "It took four or five hours. From Logtown there was a cable ferry at Pearl River then on to Slidell and to the Rigolettes and a shell road led to Chef Menteur where there was a cable ferry to New

Orleans." Weston graduated with the Class of 1931 but he didn't make many of those long, arduous trips home to Logtown in the college years.

SAW MILLS

Nolle W. Hickman wrote a book titled Mississippi Harvest and it gave an account of lumbering in the longleaf pine belt from 1840-1915. Horatio Weston treasures his copy of this readable and informative book. Quoting from the book Weston read: "By 1840 there were ten sawmills in operation in Hancock County and in that part of Hancock which became Harrison County in 1843. Because logs had to be brought to the mills by water from interior forests, and lumber shipped to outside markets by boat, almost all of the early mills in the west country were erected at river mouths or on the banks of bayous which extended a few miles into the interior. In Hancock County the mills were a short distance up the Pearl River from Lake Borgne and at the head of the Bay of St. Louis, Pearlington, Napoleon, Logtown, and Gainsville, located on the Pearl, were early sawmill sites. Logs, both cypress and pine, were manufactured into lumber, staves, and shingles and shipped by schooners and brigs to the markets outside. New Orleans was less than a day's journey away by water.

"One of the earliest of Pearl River lumbermen was W. J. Poitevent who came to Gainsville in 1832." In 1860 Poitevent owned two sawmills one at Pearlington and the other at Gainsville. D. R. Wingate was an associate of Poitevent and active in lumber business until 1856. In 1854 Wingate formed a partnership including W. W. Carre and Henry Weston. Two years later Carre and Weston bought Wingate's interest in the mill. In the mill almost all the laborers, except foremen and sawyers, were negro slaves.

The book deals with Knights of Labor, a group organized to reduce the work day from 16 hours to 12 and later 10; script as payment for labor; Camp Cars; the Company Store and reforestation. Weston said: "This volume is valuable from a historical standpoint and it reflects much about the politics, economy and culture of our people."

Horatio Weston retired in 1970 and now lives in Waveland. He says his memories of being brought up in old Logtown are pleasant, happy ones.

TRAIN TRAVEL

"Train travel," according to Weston, "was very much in vogue. Five or six day trains came through and they stopped about five minutes in Bay St. Louis to take on coal and water. Those trains



PANORAMIC VIEW OF H. WESTON Plant of Logtown showing 2 mills, a planting mill and the ship yard, as it looked in 1922. (The mill closed in 1930)

Photo courtesy of Horatio Weston.

ANOTHER VIEW OF H. Weston Plant of Logtown.
Photo courtesy of Auunification School.

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ENTRANCE TO THE LOGTOWN gardens of Captain Christian Koch, one of the pioneers in the area. A native of Denmark, Koch was said to be the very first white man to settle in the Logtown area. A horticulturist, Koch's gardens were filled with fruit trees, vegetables and a wide variety of flowers. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr.

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ADDRESS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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Jean Baptiste Nicaise first settler in Kiln given Spanish grant

BY NORTON HAAS

NOTE: This article on Kiln is based upon tradition, discussions with people and my own knowledge. While not documented, it is acceptable. I am pleased to acknowledge information and pictures from the following: James Stevens, Jeanne Williams, Jack Lott, Hazel Selph, Judge Selph, Dan Frederick, Lillie Hart, Fr. Pierre, Sr. Lorraine, Birdie Mae Ladner, George Curet, Sam Favre, and Landre Nicaise.

The first settlers in the Kiln Community located on Jourdan River were Jean Baptiste Nicaise (Necaise) and Family. It is likely they moved from Wolf River Area (De Lisle) to Kiln and acquired the J. B. Necaise Claim under a Spanish Grant around year 1800 or before. There is record of a marriage

May 11, 1745, Jean Baptiste Nicaise (Necaise) to Marie Catherine Miot (Meaut) in the Wolf River Area. It was also noted the father of J. B. Necaise was a native of Paris, France. A daughter was born to this union on December 22, 1749 in the Wolf River Area and named Marie Jeanne.

The community established on Jourdan River became known as Kiln because of the tar kilns used in the manufacture of tar and shipped by schooner to New Orleans for use in the caulking of ships and known as Naval Stores products.

Jourdan River received its name from Noel Jourdan, an early settler on the river under a Spanish Land Grant at the present site of Diamondhead. He later served as delegate to the Mississippi Constitutional Convention of

1817 and first representative in the Legislature from Hancock County.

The first census of Kiln was taken in 1820 by John McCaughan, Enumerator who before that time was a U.S. Custom Collector for the Town of Shieldsborough (later Bay St. Louis). After that he became the first Postmaster of Biloxi. At the same time, Kiln had a prosperous business in charcoal production and sold on the New Orleans Market. The great virgin forest north of Kiln was to be the backbone of the whole area in many years to come.

In the year 1906 the sawmill operated by Emilio Cue in Kiln was sold to the firm of Herlihy and Haas who also operated a sawmill on Bayou Talla. The operation of both mills continued by Herlihy and Haas until about 1909, Herlihy Family now in Waveland, Haas Family (Norton Haas) Bay St. Louis and Louisiana. In 1909 Herlihy and Haas sold out to W. W. Carre and Company, Ltd. of New Orleans who already had a vast timber holding north of Kiln and operated the first logging railroad to their mill in New Orleans by barge. Today on the West side of 603 from Jourdan River Shores we have Lake Carre. The Carre Company continued operations in Kiln until 1912 and sold out to Edward Hines Lumber Company of Chicago, Illinois.

Francois Haas from New Orleans built a sawmill on Bayou Talla in the Kiln area after the Civil War. Capt. Favre moved on to Logtown and Napoleon Area, and the Francois Haas' sawmill was operated by Elisha Haas and Timothy Herlihy, later known as Herlihy and Haas. The next sawmill in Kiln was operated by Emilio Cue, who became the first Postmaster at Kiln on January 31, 1887.

During this era there were other industries set up in Kiln area because of water transportation on the River Jourdan and the vast virgin forest to the north. A shipyard was operated in Kiln on Jourdan River by Willie Curet, another shipyard on Bayou Talla operated by Jeremiah Haas, also a shingle mill operated by Salvador Necaise. All familiar names and descendants today in Kiln Community.

The great timber supply brought in another large industry known as Naval Stores,

Kiln still depends upon the timberland, with a large pulpwood yard and loading ramp operating on Jourdan River at the old sawmill site.

This interested Dr. W. W. Moody, Mose Williams, James L. Morgan from Cardiff Wales, and others who purchased land near the present site of the old Shifalo home and built a church there.

This church prospered. Among the notables visiting preachers were D. V. T. Rowe, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, ALFRED FRANKLIN SELPH, MOSE

held services in this hall.

When the public school was moved from the BIG BRANCH location over near Crump's place, services were held in this building, and among those who preached there was Senator Theodore Bilbo, Sibley, and Fayard. Old Brother HARDY SMITH, the preacher who walked across the country with his shoes slung across his shoulder, and preaching as he went.

Finally, the public school was moved to the Bayou Talla community to a new two story building, as Herlihy and Haas had built a fair size sawmill and planer; and it was from this building that the spiritual groundwork was laid for the present baptist church.

In 1910 the Home Mission Board of the late Southern Baptist Convention sent Lewis Napoleon Jones, to a mission church here.

TOLD BY DAN FREDERICKS, SR.

The Black Baptist Church has been in existence for

Annunciation Parish served by missionaries in early 18th century

REV. A.C. DENIS

Kiln, situated 15 miles from Bay St. Louis, on the Jourdan river, and formerly known by the later name, is one of the oldest Catholic settlements in the diocese. Indians of the Choctaw-Muskogee family inhabited this territory before white settlers began to reside in it early in the 18th century. Baptismal records of the pioneer Catholics are to be found in the parochial registers of St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, La., and the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Biloxi, evidence which indicated that Catholic missionaries from these parishes visited the Jourdan River missions.

When the Diocese of Natchez had sufficient priests, Bishop Chancour requested Rev. Louis Buteux on July 31, 1847, to take charge of Jourdan River, Pearl River, Wolf River and Pass Christian as missions of Bay St. Louis.

Rev. H. LeDuc, successor of Rev. Le. Buteux, continued to visit this territory. His annual report under date of September 17, 1860, indicates that

the Jourdan River mission was attended by him once every six weeks and that a chapel was being erected there. At this time the Catholic population amounted to some 300 souls with a slightly lesser number scattered around the outlying

territory.

CHURCH BUILT

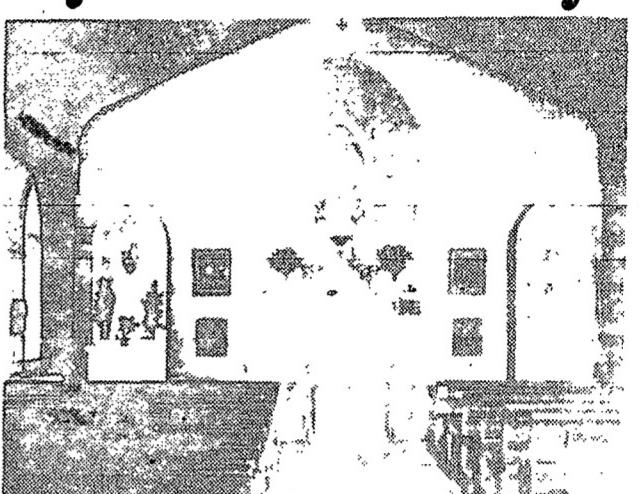
Rev. H.A. DeMorangies took charge of Jourdan River (Kiln) and its missions in April, 1869, being introduced to his flock by Father LeDuc, who, writing to Bishop Elde on June 10, 1870, says: "Father DeMorangies is well and doing his best; he travels continually in the rivers (i.e.)

Around 1900 Father Joseph Chauvin began as pastor and remained until 1919 when Father A.C. Denis took over the duties of pastor until 1947 when the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity with a small group of Priests, Sisters and Brothers sufficient to operate the Mission Church, a clinic and elementary school, and together they have continued to serve the Kiln Community and surrounding areas over this period of the past 30 years.

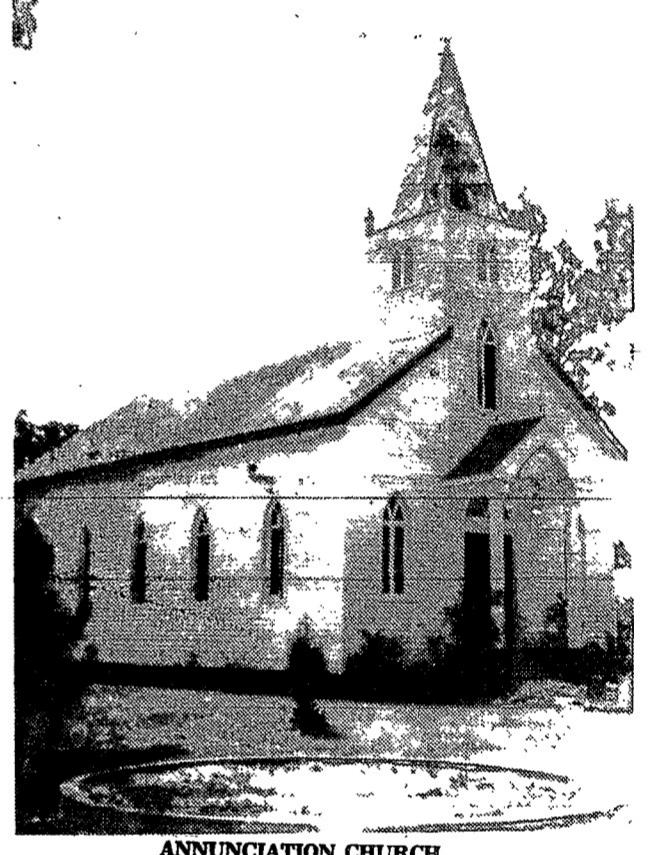
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

By NORTON HAAS
Father A.C. Denis has brought the history of Annunciation through the construction of the new church in the year 1886. This is the period when Father Smith was pastor and operated the first Catholic school in Kiln.

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THE ORIGINAL OLD KILN CHURCH of Annunciation. Photo courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Jos. O. Mauffray advertised: "The store with a 43 year history - renowned for honest values and fair dealings. Dry goods, notions, hats, clothing, shoes, hardware, paints, oils."

Kiln Baptist meet first at Lion Branch Texas Flat

old tabernacle church was abandoned. Under Gibb

Pre-Civil War teachers in Kiln "Lived-in" with family were paid \$1 per month per child

BY NORTON HAAS
In the period before the Civil War and after, the children were taught by itinerant teachers. Teachers would live in a neighborhood home and teach for a fee of \$1 per month per child.

About 1880 the Catholic Church, with Father Smith as Headmaster, operated the first Catholic School in the Kiln using the old Church building as school room. After that, a public school was built and operated in the Bayou Talla area of Kiln and continued in operation until the Kiln consolidated school opened in 1917.

It is of interest to note in the year 1903 the principal of the

Bayou Talla School was the well known Theodore G. Bilbo, later to become Governor of Mississippi twice and U.S. Senator three times. He died during his third term as U.S. Senator.

The following is from the school annual of 1918-19: "The Kiln Consolidated School was formed of the following-named schools: Nicasice, McLeod, Fenton, Silver Hill and Bayou Talla, comprising a district of fifty-two square miles, with a taxing unit of about five hundred thousand dollars. The special levy now in force is ten mills or one cent on the dollar, but by another year five mills will easily operate the school. The building,

together with the equipment, cost ten thousand dollars. The enrollment to date has reached three hundred and fifty pupils, one hundred and twenty-five are transported in motor trucks. This means of transportation is rapid, gives results and is, therefore, cheapest in the long run."

The wooden structure was replaced in the middle thirties by a concrete block building complete with a modern gymnasium. The school continued from this location until 1959 when students from the Kiln were transferred to North Central. Today the same buildings are being used by the Annunciation Catholic Church as an Elementary School.

In 1924 the Kiln Community had the influence of a Methodist Church. The economic situation caused an exodus to other counties and other church programs.

The Holiness Temple, known as Lee Temple, is a part of the Kiln Church Community. Their leadership is evidenced through their services.

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Black Baptist history in the Kiln Community

present Baptist Church. Miss Maude Sylvester of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi was the school's first teacher. Other teachers were Rev. E. L. Fox and Mrs. Mamie Fredrick.

The school moved to a building southeast of Highway 603. This two-story building was once used by Whites for their school children. The first principal was Rev. E. J. Chapman of Woodville, Mississippi; others were Rev. E. L. Fox and R. Jones.

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THE KILN HIGH SCHOOL as it appeared in 1910-1911. Photo courtesy of Jack Lott.

STUDENT BODY of the Kiln School - photo taken in 1910. Courtesy of Jack Lott.

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Ladner: a legend leading Waveland thirty-one years

Garfield Ladner was born and raised in Waveland. One of thirteen children, he was a pupil in the first public school of Waveland back in the days of kerosene lamps, tin bucket lunch pails, bucket brigades to

fight fires and sheep grazing down west of the railroad tracks. He grew up to become the town's mayor and to serve in that capacity for over thirty one years and to chalk up for himself an amazing record —

in the August 3, 1946 Democratic election Ladner received the largest majority vote ever received by a candidate for mayor in Waveland. Eight consecutive terms in office is a testimony

to his popularity. He took his last oath of office December 1, 1970 and died a year and ten days after that inauguration. The Garfield Ladner Fishing Pier at the foot of Coleman Avenue was erected as a memorial.

Other memorials come to mind. Ladner was a man for all seasons. A man for progress. He was in office when Waveland got the first public garbage pick up.

A horse drawn cart was the accommodation. Later on an old school bus was converted into a garbage truck and still later the town developed a fine sanitation department. By his last term in office, Waveland had adopted the Southern

Building Code, The Southern Standard Housing Code, the Southern Standard Plumbing and Gas Code, and the National Electrical Code. Waveland was building slowly and with selectivity. A town intent on placing beauty above bigness with the quality of life a main objective.

Much of Ladner's life was spent in Waveland's Town Hall. He well remembered its history. Constructed in 1905 by Jules Favre who had been commissioned to build a "sturdy and proper edifice to house 8 grades of public school," the building was designed with tall windows to let in the light, cross ventilation to let in the breezes,

and a double flight of front stairs to safely provide ingress and egress for those marching feet of school children. Protective banister rails were across the long, wide gallery and a bell in the cupola rang signals and announced class time. Ceilings were beaded and floors were of hard heart pine. Four teachers taught the 8 grades.

Ladner's formal education was somewhat sketchy, but he had a capacity for learning and an innate insight to psychology!

In 1931 Waveland built a public school on Coleman Avenue and at that time the first school was converted into Town Hall. Town Hall easily

adapted from a school to a building to house the police department, utilities, mayor's office and even a public library upstairs. Records show that Waveland was incorporated and received its charter on March 6, 1898. At that time George M. Govan was Secretary of State and James K. Vardaman was Governor of Mississippi.

Population at the time of incorporation was 32 people. By the 1970 census the town had grown to 3,100. And Ladner grew with the town.

He hosted Carnival Queens, cut ribbons to welcome new businesses, plied for better streets, encouraged cleanliness and promoted

education. Following Hurricane Camille grateful citizens gathered on the Town Hall grounds to install a marker, it said:

From the People
OF WAVELEND

In appreciation and gratitude to All Who gave of their time, energy and money to help us recover from Hurricane Camille. On August 17, 1969 our city was devastated but those who cared came to the rescue.

Among those "who cared" was Garfield Ladner devoting of his time, energy, money and experience to the cause, and as always devoting his affection of his beloved Waveland.

All about state motto, Bird, Flower & Trees

Hancock County and Jackson County were the only two large counties which comprised the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1817 when Mississippi became a state. At the First Session, First General Assembly (1817-1818). The Great Seal of Mississippi was adopted and is described in the Laws of the State as follows:

"The seal of the state, the inscription of which shall be 'the great seal of the state of Mississippi,' around the margin, and in the center an eagle, with the olive branch and quiver of arrows in his claws."

Seventy-seven years passed after statehood for Mississippi before a Coat-of-Arms was adopted. A committee to design the coat-of-arms was appointed by legislative action on February 7, 1894. The committee recommended "a shield in color blue, with an eagle upon it with extended pinions, holding in the right talon a palm branch and a bundle of arrows in the left, with the word 'Mississippi' above the eagle; the lettering on the shield and the eagle to be in gold; below the shield two branches of cotton stalk, otherwise, as submitted design, and a scroll below extending upward and on each side three-fourths of the length of the shield; upon the scroll, which is to be red, the motto be printed in gold letters upon white spaces, as in design accompanying the motto to be - VIRTUTE ET ARMIS."

Hancock County, now designated a Bird Sanctuary, attracts many beautiful songbirds, however, none so dear to the hearts of our residents as the Mocking Bird, adopted as our State Bird under Chapter 326, Laws of Mississippi of 1944. This bird is the subject of paintings and sculpture, and it is renowned for its ability to "mock", or reproduce the sounds and songs of many other birds.

One naturalist reported a mockingbird imitated 32 different kinds of birds in a short period of ten minutes!

The mockingbird's own song is said to be the most versatile of all bird songs. The mockingbird, friend of the gardener, also eats insects and weed seeds and is classified as "a friend to man."

Children of the State of Mississippi were given the privilege of selecting the State Flower. Only children were permitted to vote in the election which was held in November 1900. The children sent in 23,278 votes of which the magnolia received 12,745 votes. The cotton blossom ran a poor second with 4,171 votes, and the cape jasmine trailed with 2,482. The Law of Mississippi of 1952 (Chapter 340) made official the Magnolia as Mississippi's State Flower.

It was not until April 1, 1938 that the Mississippi Legislature, and by a large majority vote, officially designated the Magnolia as the State Tree. Although there are 35 kinds of magnolia that grow wild in the United States, we think of the "southern magnolia" with its large

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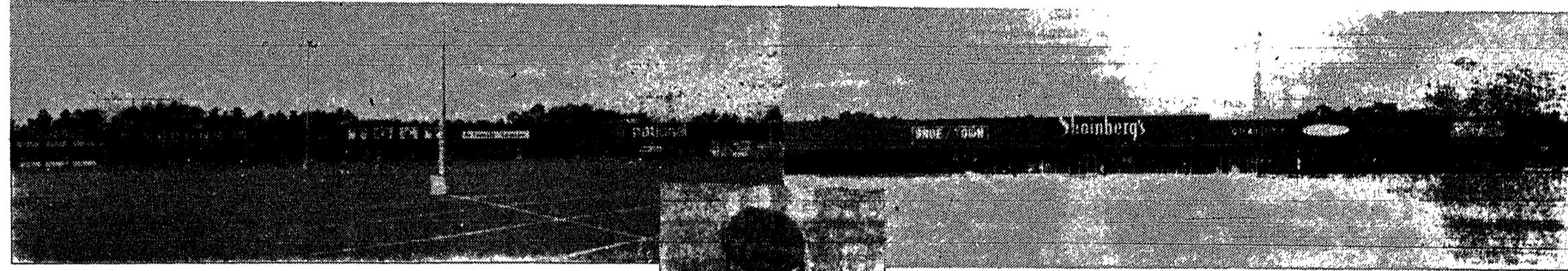
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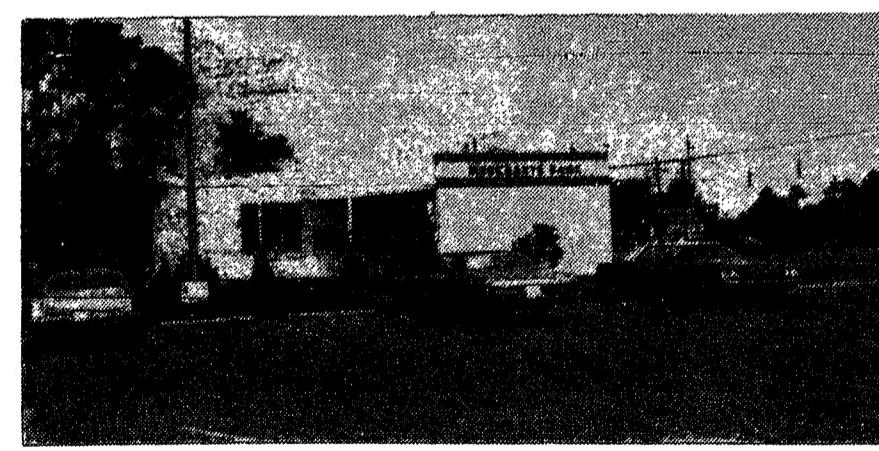
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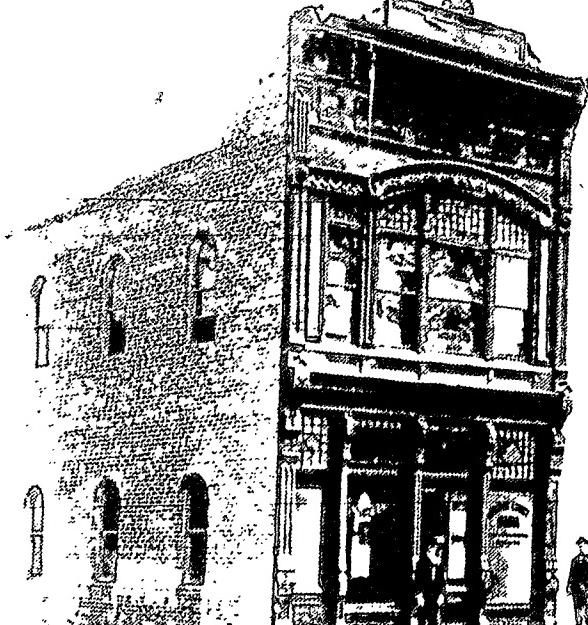
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Picturesque Pearlington



THE OFFICE BUILDING of Dr. J.Q. Fountain of Pearlington was located in the area of the present-day post office. In 1902-1919 this building housed a branch of the Hancock Bank, which served residents of the World's Largest Sawmill town.



SUNLIGHT FILTERED THROUGH foliage and moss coverings of large live oak trees along the Logtown road leading past the residence of the Roy Baxter Family in 1963. This area now a part of the NASA Buffer Zone. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr. now living in Pearlington.

Power Drug Co. advertised Night Phones 54 or 31 - Day Phones 189 or 289. "Everything that school children need. The Ice Cream Parlor, largest in South Mississippi is thoroughly screened. Only Soda Fountain in South Mississippi using Soda Glasses."

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The story of Pearlington as told by S. G. Thigpen in his valuable book *PEARL RIVER, Highway to Glory Land*, just couldn't be improved upon. Thigpen said: "The town of Pearlington, like the river, got its name from the fact that back in the old days pearls were found in the river." And of the age of the town, he said: "Except for Biloxi, Pearlington is probably the oldest town in south Mississippi." It is also interesting to note that when Bay St. Louis was only a small summer-resort village, Pearlington was an important and thriving town. In 1821 the members of the Mississippi legislature by invitation from citizens were lavishly entertained in Pearlington. They learned pioneers had laid the town out on a metropolitan scale, covering five or six hundred acres. Thigpen tells us "they (the legislators) went away favorably impressed."

Pearlington's rise to fame - and famous it was as the location of the "World's Largest Sawmill" - owed its claim to importance primarily to its location on a navigable river, to the tall stand of timbers growing near the river's bank, and to the vision of early settlers who with far-sight and determination built a "blue stocking, Colonial town" that thrived, found a good life for its people and proved that industry, enterprise, and beauty of surroundings could, indeed, co-exist!

"The first white settler of which we have any record," according to Thigpen, "was Simon Favre, a Frenchman, who was sent there from Mobile by the United States government to try to civilize the Indians." Favre settled himself on a farm at a landing on the river sometimes referred to as "Gin", and sometimes known as Favreport. He is reputed to have been the only white man in the area ever to have won the complete confidence of the Indians.

By the year 1800 Pearlington had a population of 1,700. Homes were large and beautiful, there were good stores, a bank service, and a commissary 200 feet long. Store owners included the Orr Brothers, and C. K. Russ. The Hancock Bank opened a branch in the office building of Dr. J. Q. Fountain in 1902. Every day Joseph Cazeneuve, the bank's vice president, boarded the L. & N. train and traveled to English Lookout, where he transferred to Capt. Rod Russ' boat, Margaret, to journey down to Logtown.

In 1905 a public health doctor came to see a sick man living in Pearlington - the man had yellow fever. So frightening was this deadly disease until almost every white resident of Pearlington left town. Records show that while Pearlington had only two cases of yellow fever during that 1905 epidemic, New Orleans was hard hit with many people dying from this sickness. The summer was hot. Negroes had no place to go and had to remain in Pearlington. They shut themselves up in their homes to hide from mosquitoes. There were no screens on any home.

Joe Saucier was sheriff of Hancock County when the Yellow Fever panic hit Pearlington. Poitevent & Favre had the only telephone in the town. It was over that phone that Sam Russ was sworn in as a deputy sheriff. Governor James K. Vardaman declared a quarantine and sent soldiers from the National Guard to enforce it - "a shotgun quarantine". An activated company. No mail came in. No one could board a train. But lumbering went on: Logtown kept sending lumber downstream to Pearlington by boat, schooners re-loaded the lumber for shipment to destination. The company store in Pearlington doled out limited supplies of food. Pearlington came through, but not without deprivations. The church bell and the messenger on horse-back were important in getting news to the people of Pearlington in those by-gone days. Tolling of the church bell with regularly repeated single strokes meant someone had died. A good rider on horseback carried a black-bordered envelope rode from

house to house with the message, the name of the person who had died and the plans for the funeral.

Funerals were a community affair. In death as in life, Pearlington people were a close-knit community and they cared, and cared deeply about each other.

Pearlington's virgin forest is but a memory. The hum of the mills is hushed. Pleasure boats and sports fishermen enjoy the lazy slow moving river that once bustled with business. Pearlington needs no mayor. Its people enjoy the grandeur of beautiful and large live oak trees and they rejoice that there is yet, in this ever increasingly populated area, a quiet and restful spot. Unhurried. Quaint and Picturesque Pearlington.

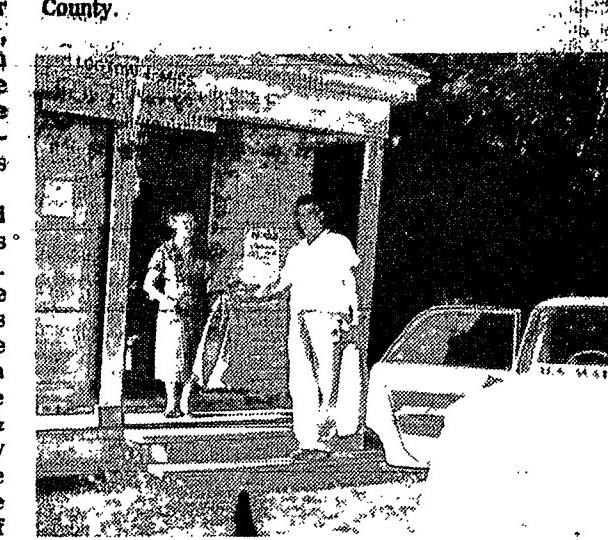
In April 1911 The Cumbe-land Telegraph & Telephone Co. received a check for \$3.20 for March services for the Hancock County Clerk's office.

The Salary of the Hancock County Superintendent of Education in the year 1905 was set at \$762.58 per annum, or \$63.55 per month.

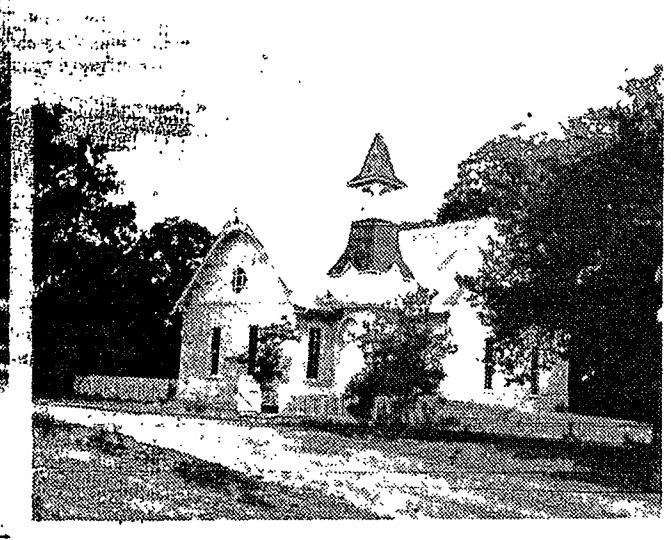
During the month of March in 1908 W. B. Rutherford was paid \$25 for his service as a ferryman by the Board of Supervisors in Hancock County.



TREES CAST SHADOWS across the beautiful Pearl River at Logtown where pole fishing was enjoyed by young and old alike. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr.



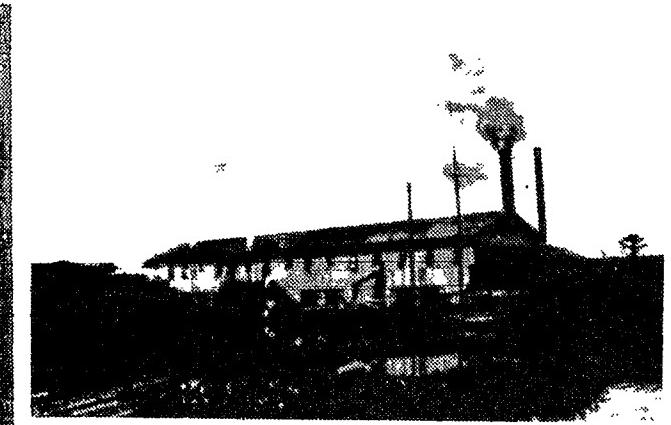
THE LOGTOWN POST OFFICE was first listed in 1883 when Henry Carre was appointed postmaster. The last mail carrier Logtown's Post Office went out in September 1963. Postmistress Laillie S. Wright is shown handing the mail sack to L.C. Cuevas, mail carrier. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr.



THIS PLEASANT little village church surrounded by a white picket fence and nestled among native trees and shrubs served the Methodist denomination of Logtown. Photo was taken in 1963 before Logtown was razed to make way for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration's Mississippi Test Operation. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter.



A PARLOUR GATHERING in the home of the Coney Weston Family of Logtown. Catherine Kennedy, maternal grandmother, Annie K. Weston (mother) seated at piano, and children are Irene, Gertrude and Lucille. Photo taken in 1901. Courtesy of Horatio Weston.



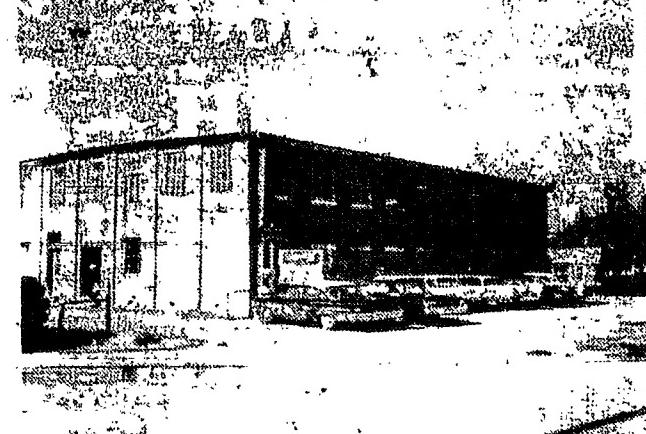
THE VOICE OF THE mill whistle is hushed, and the smoke no longer rises from the stacks of the old Logtown sawmill. The mill crew scattered and resettled in such places as Picayune, Pearlington and Slidell for the most part. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr.



HOME OF THE CONEY Weston Family in Logtown as it appeared in 1901. Photo courtesy of Horatio Weston.



LOGTOWN SCHOOL CHILDREN and faculty in 1894 lined up before the School House entrance to be photographed. Boys wore hats and galluses...everyone toted a lunch pail. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr.



IN 1922 PROF. PRICE of the Logtown Public School with the assistance of Miss Mabel Maud Smith (now Mrs. Jo Drake Arrington of Gulfport) lined the student body up in front of the new building to pose for this picture. Photo courtesy of Horatio Weston.

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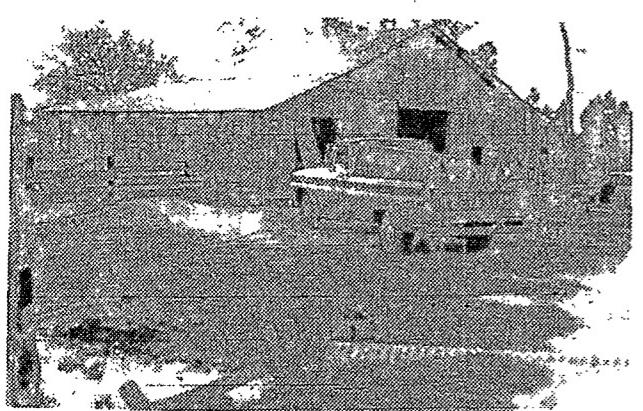
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Kilm renown center for sawmills & whiskey



MISSISSIPPI'S "HERITAGE" also includes "moonshine" whiskey making. Special Agents Rodger L. Shanks and Jimmy F. Smith who live in Long Beach have made available photographs showing various stages of the fine and illegal art of fermentation without license. One notation showed the use of 1,680 pounds of sugar and 1,100 pounds of rye used in a "batch." During prohibition times "The Kilm" was infamous for its "white lightnin'!"



WHEN IS A BARN NOT A BARN? When it's a front for a 375 gal. whiskey still. That's what this barn was.
Photo courtesy of J. F. Smith of Long Beach.



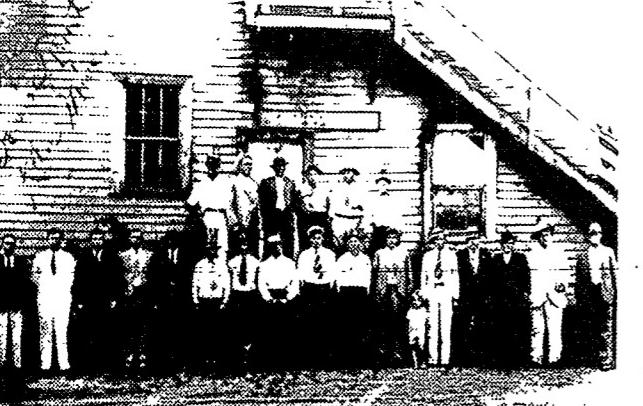
PLASTIC CONTAINERS have all but replaced the "Little Brown Jug with the corn cob stopper" familiar to buyers of good Kilm Corn.
Photo courtesy of J. F. Smith of Long Beach.



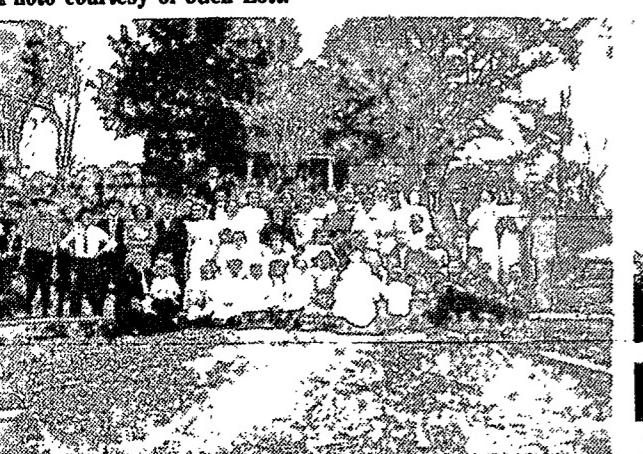
COLONIAL SUGAR'S good customers bought literally tons of sugar in the manufacture of "white lightnin'."
Photo through courtesy of J. F. Smith, himself a "Revenoar."



C. L. BAKER had a saloon in Kilm in the "East Vicksburg Section," later the saloon moved to Slidell.
Photo courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



A WAREHOUSE SCENE showing Edward Hines Lumber Company employees in the Kilm during 1928.
Photo courtesy of Jack Lott.



THE FRANCOIS HAAS Family Reunion on Bayou Talla of Kilm in 1910.
Photo courtesy of Norton Haas.

Many reports have been written concerning life in Kilm, Mississippi as it was lived some sixty-five years ago, however, S. Grady Thigpen, Sr. with wit, humor and a great deal of knowledge of the area, seems to have captured it best. Thigpen said: "Kilm was famous for two things: one of the biggest and best sawmills in the country and for 'moonshine' whiskey.

Of the lumbering industry Thigpen said: "Edward Hines Lumber Company decided in 1912 to build their big sawmill at Kilm. Men were brought in from everywhere. First came the mill builders, the carpenters. The men who worked in a sawmill in those days had to live in the community where they worked and within a very short walking distance - or with transportation on horseback or in a buggy or wagon. Practically all of the men employed in the Kilm mill lived within a radius of a mile or so of the mill."

Thigpen said the mill houses, some 200 of them, were built in a very short time and as the village was being built preparations for the foundation for the mill went on. It took almost a year to complete the sawmill, plane mill, power house and other necessary buildings. Also under construction was a modern school building, "well designed for the times." By 1913," according to Thigpen, "Kilm grew into one of the best small towns in the state and was for a time the busiest town between Hattiesburg and New Orleans.

There was a "company store" at that time with an inventory of around \$75,000 which included a meat market, vegetables, produce and other things. Clothing and shoes was also stocked and it was said "people from miles around traded at the company store."

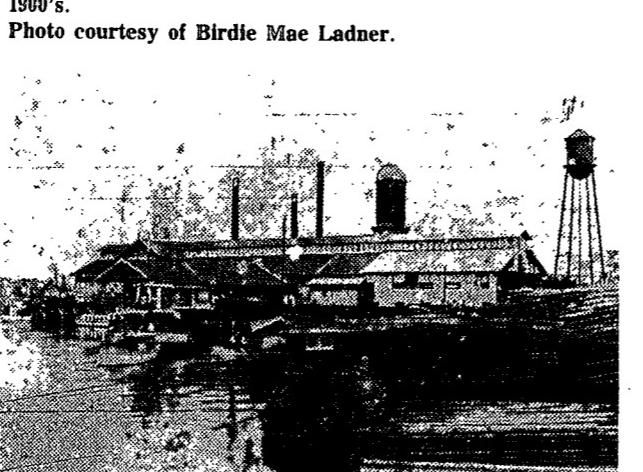
In the complex a 45 room hotel was built which had the reputation of serving fine food at reasonable prices. A good meal ran about 35 cents.

There was also a small hospital with a doctor and nurse on duty at all times.

"Lumber from Kilm was shipped by water down



THE LOG POND at Kilm during the sawmilling days of mid-1900's.
Photo courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



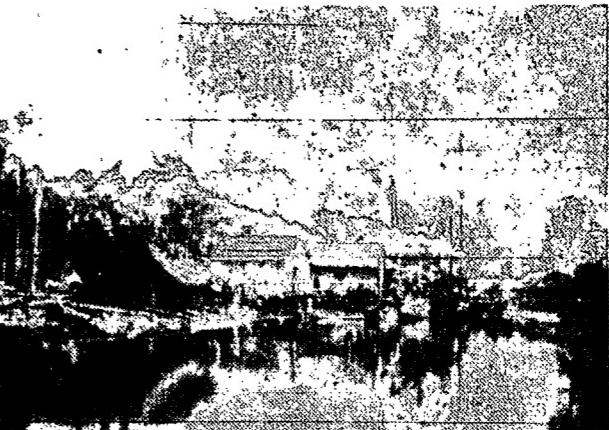
EDWARD HINES LUMBER COMPANY scene at the Kilm Saw Mill. Stanley Koch served as Captain of one boat.
Courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



"WE WERE THREE teachers in this Bayou Talla School, and I taught here three sessions," remarked Mrs. Jeanne D. Williams who recalled in an older Kilm School there was one teacher and 30 pupils. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Jeanne D. Williams.



HOUSES ACROSS THE JOURDAN RIVER from the saw mill in Kilm following the Flood of 1915.
Photo courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



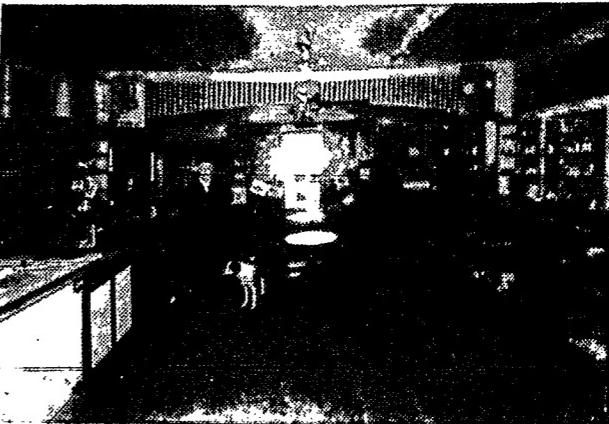
A BOAT is launched on Bayou Talla of the Kilm Community around 1912.
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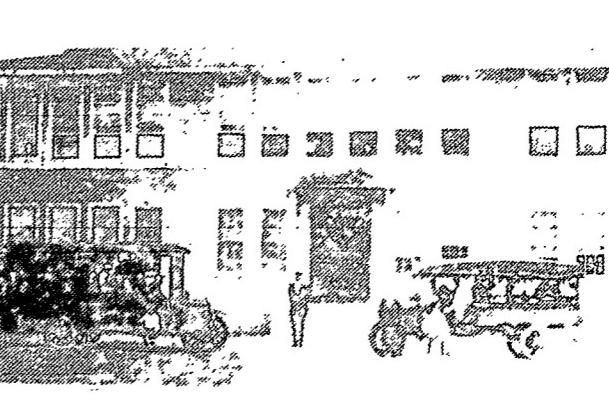
LOGGING TRAIN at Kilm in 1908.
Photo courtesy of Birdie Mae Ladner.



WELL-TRAINED OXEN teams hauled logs to the Herligh and Haas Sawmill on Bayou Talla near Kilm in 1906. Oxen were owned by Andrew Lott.
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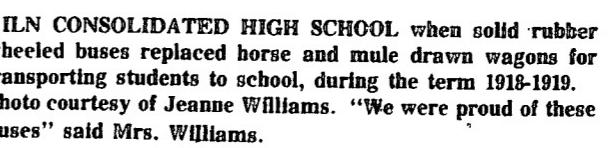


ANDREW J. LOTT was ferry-man on the Jourdan River near Kilm in 1908 when this picture was taken showing his family together with his sister-in-law and her children.
Photo courtesy of Jack Lott.



UNCLE EDDIE FAVRE and his dog in the Old Kilm Drug Store in 1915.
Courtesy Birdie Mae Ladner.

TRANSPORTATION



KILM CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL when solid rubber wheeled buses replaced horse and mule drawn wagons for transporting students to school, during the term 1918-1919.
Photo courtesy of Jeanne Williams. "We were proud of these buses" said Mrs. Williams.

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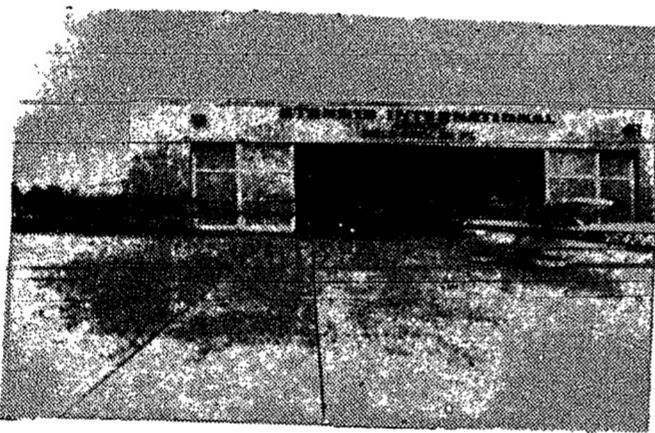
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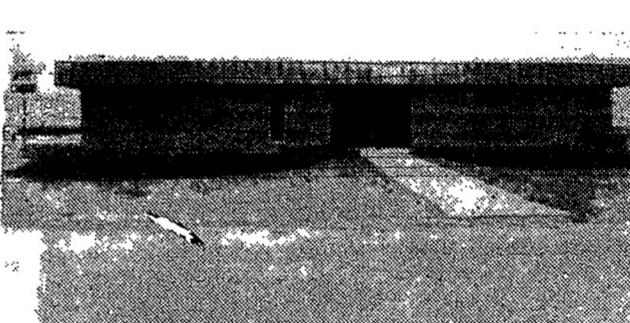
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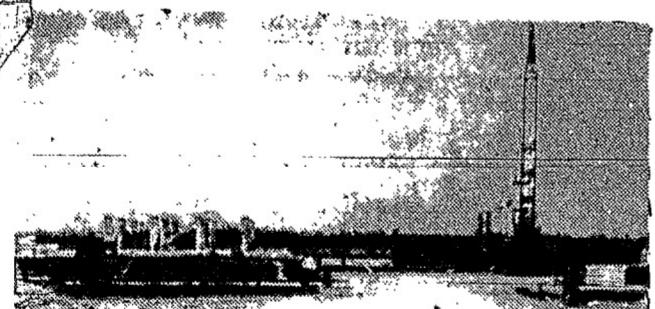
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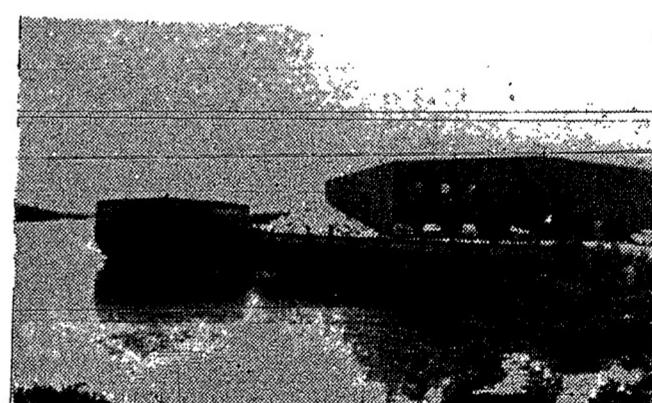
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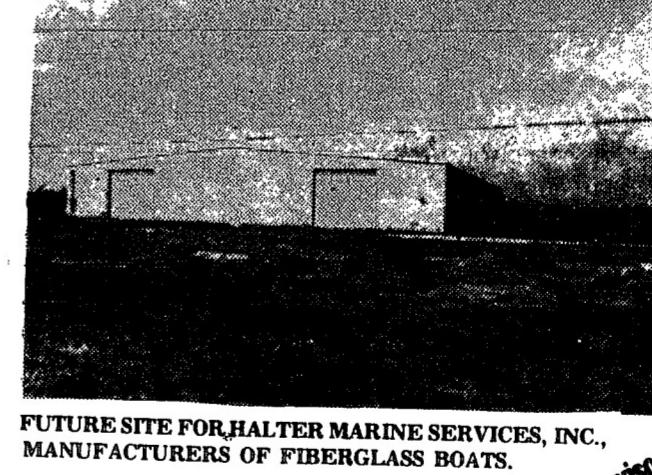
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OUR HERITAGE REMEMBERED Sea Coast Echo-Sunday, May 29, 1977 SECTION B

Bridging the Bay

When Horatio S. Weston of Logtown was president of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors he had an idea that a bridge should be built over the waters of the Bay of St. Louis. Weston contended the ferry operating between Bay St. Louis and Henderson Point was slow, inadequate to handle the ever increasing traffic and was also dangerous.

As a result of participation between Hancock County, Harrison County and the Federal Government a wooden bridge was opened to traffic in the year 1928. It was built at a contract cost of \$752,610.65 and was 18 months under construction. The Mississippi Highway Commission was custodian of the bridge which was toll-free and yearly maintenance cost ran about ten thousand dollars a year. The structure used approximately 170,000 feet of piling and 3,000,000 board feet of creosoted lumber.

In 1942 a highway planning survey showed traffic across the bridge averaged 2,645 vehicles every 24 hours, local cars and trucks accounted for 1,625 crossings and "foreign" cars and trucks ran 1,020. By foreign the report explained - anything that did not have a Mississippi license!

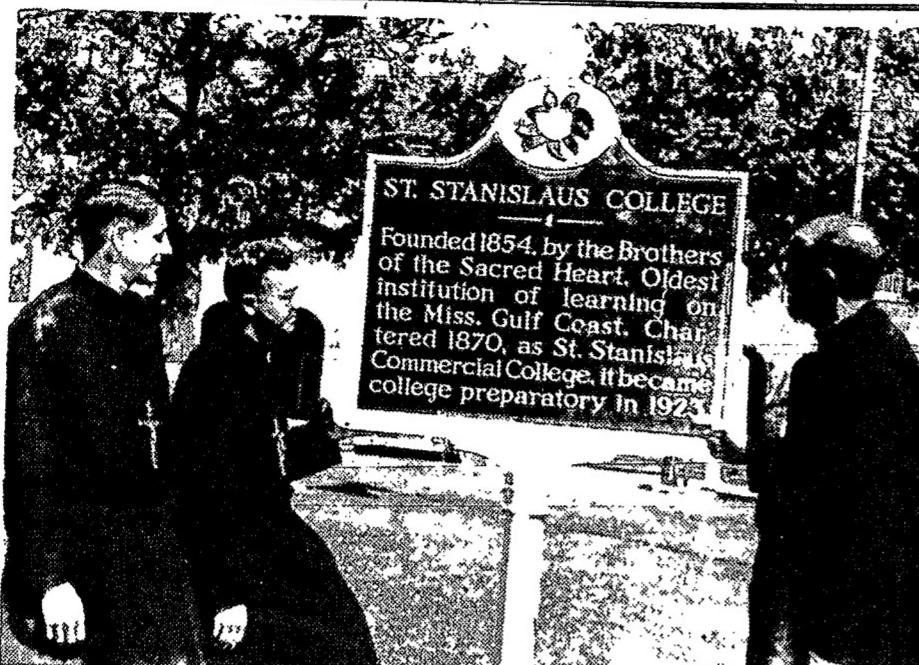
In August 1954 a new eight and a half million dollar highway bridge was opened to the public. Two miles in length, it was constructed of steel and concrete. For a brief while this magnificent bridge was closed to traffic following Hurricane Camille and it reopened as a toll-free accommodation.

Mauffray owns oldest hardware on the Coast

A sturdy building was erected on the Beach Front in 1898. It housed Jos. F. Cazenave's Dry Goods Store. In 1903 the business and building was purchased by Jos. O. Mauffray, father of the present owner. At that time three doors led from the part of the building in which dry goods were sold into the west section of the building which, in 1905 was a Tinsmith Shop.

On February 17, 1939 Jos. O. Mauffray sold his business. The Dry Goods and Tinsmith Shop became property of Mr. and Mrs. Octave Delph. Mrs. Delph is the daughter of former owner, Mauffray. The Aiden Mauffray's continue the family name in the present-day hardware store. There are 3,668 square feet of selling space in Mauffray's Hardware Store, which stocks a wide variety of merchandise.

Mauffray in recalling by-gone days said Mrs. diBenedetto had a grocery store across the street maybe a little nearer the railroad bridge. She sold fresh home-grown vegetables and eggs and live chickens and helped housewives to earn their own "pocket money" by buying from them their produce.



HISTORICAL MARKER of St. Stanislaus College now 123 years old and known as "the oldest educational institution on the Mississippi Gulf Coast" is viewed by Bros. Lee, Hugh and Pierre. Photo courtesy of Bro. Aquin, Public Relations for the institution.

50 years of service

Public health service came late to Hancock County. Long before its advent in 1924 there was a recognized need and civic minded groups joined forces with the Parent-Teachers Association in insisting that a Health Department be established for public benefit. Dr. C. M. Shipp came to Hancock County on a sort of "trial" basis as the first public health official. He retired from that work forty years later.

Among the serious sicknesses known earlier to residents of Hancock County were the "yellow scourge" of 1897, and the influenza epidemic of 1917-1918 and there had been outbreaks of malaria and typhoid fever, diphtheria and hook-worms, tuberculosis and measles and then poliomyelitis.

Wayne Alliston served with Dr. Shipp for many years as a sanitation engineer, and later carried on the work as head of the Public Health Department for the county. Alliston, who retired in 1975 now lives on Main St. and recalls vividly the progress made through inoculations, improved sanitation, mosquito control and advanced knowledge in treatment of diseases.

Currently Louis Fernandez serves the county as sanitary engineer. He works closely with Dr. Louis H. Jobe, health officer for Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River Counties. Water supplies and sewage disposal consume much time and effort. Visiting nurses work under the direction of the Public Health service. School employees, food handlers, barbers and beauticians are tested yearly. Clinics are conducted. The Health Department works closely with the State Department with emphasis on prevention measures for control of disease.

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SWORN IN AS SHERIFF of Hancock County for the 4th term January 1976-1979, Sylvan J. Ladner, Jr. has his badge pinned in place by his son, Don R. Ladner. Former badges were pinned by his mother, Mrs. Sylvan Ladner, Sr. in 1964 by his wife, Helen, 1972 and by outgoing sheriff John Egloff in 1958.

Sheriff is now serving 4th term

A popular personality in Hancock County is Sheriff Sylvan J. Ladner, Jr. now serving his fourth term in that capacity. Ladner entered the political scene in 1948 when he was elected to serve as a City Commissioner. His first term in office as Sheriff and Tax Collector came with an election held in August of 1955. "At that time we were paid on a fee and commission basis," Ladner said. Complaint calls, approximately 10 to 15 each month, were received in the home after five in the evening.

In 1963 the sheriff's office was opened and maintained round the clock with approximately 20 to 25 complaints called in monthly. At the end of this term the legislature passed a law separating the office of sheriff and that of tax collector. The salary of the sheriff was based on population and that of tax collector on assessed valuation.

During the 1971 term Ladner said he had a chief deputy, five deputies, two of which were narcotic agents and paid by the Federal Government on a 75 percent-25 percent basis. "The first two terms we didn't know what marijuana was," Ladner said. "The Sheriff's department paid nearly \$200,000 in fines in the County treasury in this four year term," Ladner explained and added, "I also had four radio operators."

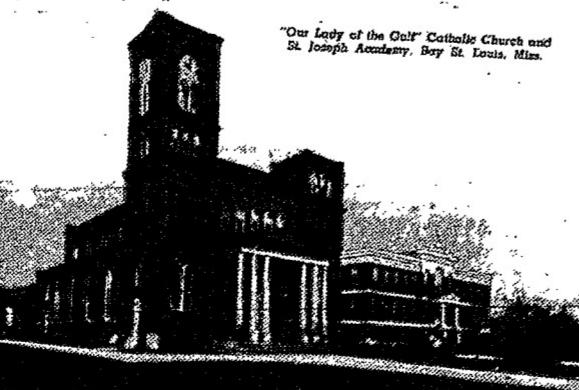
Ladner said he made a record in 1975 when he ran for office for a fourth time and was elected over five opponents. "It was the first in the history of Hancock County and one of the first in the history of the State," Ladner said.

The Hancock County Health and Sanitation Building is located on Dunbar Avenue near the Hancock General Hospital.

In a summary statement of present status in the Sheriff's Department, Ladner said: "I have a Chief Deputy, 8 and 4-5 deputies, a chief office deputy or secretary-bookkeeper, four radio operators and 12 auxiliary deputies. The auxiliary deputies are not paid a salary. They donate one day a week free of charge. They also handle dances and special events."

During the first 16 months of the present term complaint calls average 60 or 70 per month. 34 subjects have been apprehended and there has been reported recovery of over \$40,000.00 worth of stolen goods. The department took part in many narcotic and drug cases and this activity added some \$150,000 to the County Treasury, Ladner said.

Spanning the years an increase from 10 to 15 complaint calls per month to the presently reported 60 to 70 calls would reflect the nation's increase in crimes as well as the population increase in Hancock County.



OUR LADY OF THE GULF and St. Joseph's Academy. Reproduced from post card bought from L. A. deMontuzin & Son - 1908.



DR. C. M. SHIPP, first public health officer in Hancock County, shown with his wife, nee Betty Boyd, at a dinner party given in their honor on retirement following 40 years of community service. Mrs. Shipp taught in the Primary Department of Main Street Methodist Sunday School. Surviving the Shipp is their niece, Mrs. Claire Blount Marx of Bay View Court. Photo courtesy of Mrs. C. C. McDonald, Sr.

Aided by Father Buteux

St. Stanislaus founded by Brothers of Sacred Heart

BY BROTHER AQUIN GAUTIER

The first school in Bay St. Louis was founded in 1852 by Father Louis Stanislaus Mary Buteux. It was a boys' school held in a two-room frame building behind the church. Four years later, through Father Buteux' efforts, a much larger boys' school was established by the Brothers of Sacred Heart. The school accepted both day and boarding students and was named St. Stanislaus in honor of Father Buteux' patron

million dollars. Even with this enormous setback, St. Stanislaus is nearing the point in its building program where it will reach a complete renovation of the campus. This program has consisted in the modern and complete renovation of existing buildings or the construction of new buildings.

The past ten years have witnessed the bulk of the present building program started during Brother Roland's term as President of St. Stanislaus. The most recent addition is the construction of the new Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium and Physical Education Center scheduled to be completed in August, 1977.

In August, 1966, Aurelian Hall - a modern residence hall to house three hundred boarding students - was completed. This building, which affords semi-private rooms for its resident students, is one of the finest and most well-equipped residence halls in the South, and its construction was always the dream of Brother Peter Bass, S.C., long-time president of St. Stanislaus.

In February, 1967, the chapel, which is used by both the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the students, was completely renovated to conform with the innovations in the Liturgy of the Church. At present this chapel holds approximately three hundred people.

The dining halls used by the students and the Brothers were renovated in October, 1967. These facilities were air-conditioned and completely refurbished.

In March, 1968, a new field house was built adjacent to St. Stanislaus Stadium. This field house is used for varsity and junior-varsity sports in football, baseball and track. At the same time a complete outdoor recreational facility was built which includes basketball courts, volleyball courts, handball courts, and tennis courts.

In October, 1970, a complete modern lighting system was installed at St. Stanislaus Stadium.

Following Hurricane Camille which struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August, 1969, an Olympic-size swimming pool was constructed. The thousand foot pier, which extended out into the water in front of St. Stanislaus and which had withstood many hurricanes since 1947, was destroyed in Camille. This pier was rebuilt.

In May, 1970, during the term of Brother Pierre St. Pierre, S.C., president of St. Stanislaus, and Brother Lee Barker, S.C., principal of St. Stanislaus High School, the

new Kleinpeter-Gibbons Memorial Library was dedicated. Equipped with individual study carrels, audio-visual rooms and the facility for closed-circuit television. In 1975 the Brother Romuald Memorial Band Hall was completed, giving St. Stanislaus one of the finest music facilities in the State of Mississippi. Construction is proceeding on a new gymnasium and complete physical education facility for all of the students of St. Stanislaus. With the completion of this new Brother Peter Memorial in August, 1977, there remains very little for a complete renovation of the St. Stanislaus campus.



MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING of St. Stanislaus College as it looked in 1963. The building's cupola had a light to guide ships and planes. It was demolished following Hurricane Camille's damages in 1969. Photo courtesy of Bro. Aquin, Public Relations of St. Stanislaus College.

In the beginning...

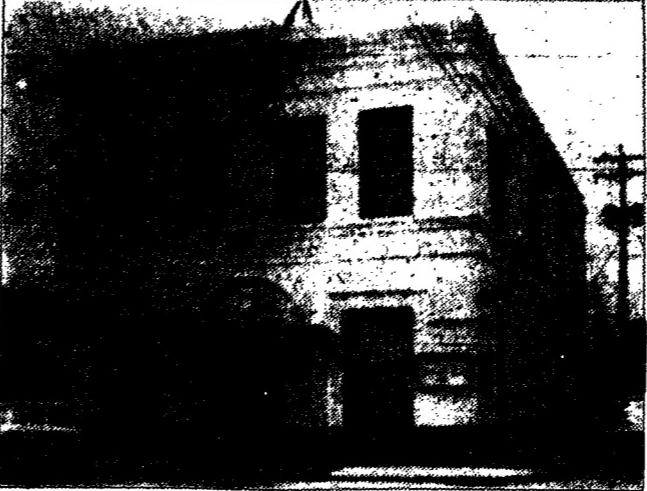
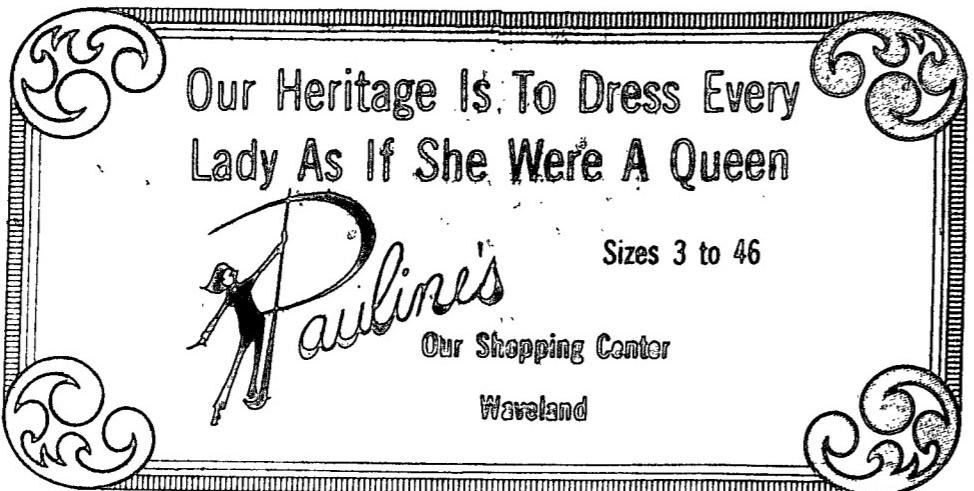
In the early beginnings of its development Bay St. Louis was looked upon as a health resort. With pure, fresh ozone air, fine artesian wells that flowed strong from underground pressure, gentle breezes waft from the waters, and the added advantage of its nearness to New Orleans the site was "a natural". To begin with, Bay St. Louis is a peninsula bounded on one side by the Mississippi Sound, on another by the Jourdan River and on a third by the Bay of St. Louis. In those before-air-conditioning days many fine old hotels and large summer residences, designed to catch the breezes, lined the beach and dotted the streets. Attractions were yachting, boating, sailing, sport fishing, hunting, hammocks and rocking chairs. There was a bountiful supply of seafood, dairy products, farm-fresh vegetables, poultry, fruit orchards and pecans. The Louisville and Nashville railroad figured largely in the town's development and prosperity featuring several daily runs and week-end excursions. St. Stanislaus (Commercial) College and St. Joseph's Academy enjoyed the reputation of excellent educational facilities.

Excursion trains no longer rumble over the tracts. Fires, storms, hurricanes and the ravages of time have erased many handsome old buildings. That doesn't mean Bay St. Louis is a "ghost city." On the contrary our little city has shown solid and healthy growth and it has retained much of the past that was good and wholesome while developing into a solid, progressive and attractive community. Population in 1942 was nearing 5,000.

Participating in the dedication were Warren Carver, mayor of Bay St. Louis, Brother Lee Barker, S.C., principal of St. Stanislaus High School, and Brother Pierre St. Pierre, S.C., president of the college.

An historical marker depicting the history of St. Stanislaus College was dedicated in late October 1969. Today's population approximates 7,500. Modern supermarkets, shopping complexes and well-designed malls have replaced the small neighborhood grocery stores and dry goods establishments. Highway 90 East has

Sheriff and Tax Collector was on a fee and commission from 1966 to 1975 inclusive. Sheriff on Salary from 1972 to present time.



Hancock Bank organized by progressive citizens

BY GEO. SCHLOEGEL,
HANCOCK BANK
HISTORIAN

It was nearing the end of August in the year 1899 when 19 progressive citizens of Hancock County got together at the County Court House and planned to organize a bank to serve the people of this area. Those in attendance included J. A. Breath, Jos. F. Cazeneuve, L. A. de Mon-

dizin, F. B. Dunbar, James V. Dunbar, Thomas L. Evans, John B. Fahey, Peter Hellwege, and his son, Peter E. Hellwege, E. H. Hoffman, August Keller, Charles Marshall, Richard Mendes, Charles G. Moreau, John Osoinach, Mrs. Agnes T. Phillips, Eugene H. Roberts, L.N.C. Spotorno and John V. Toume. These persons represented 198 shares and that very night a Board of nine Directors was elected. Thus the Hancock Bank began!

On June 28, 1976, Hancock Bank opened its new branch on Highway 90 and in the Bicentennial Year the branch was designed most tastefully after the Williamsburg tradition.

A total of 13 Hancock Banks now dot the Hancock-Harrison-Pearl River County Areas, employing approximately 400 people, and as of December 31, 1976, assets totaled \$250,724,839.00. Leo W. Seal, Jr. is president of Hancock Bank and took office in October of 1963. Vice presidents serving Hancock County are Robert Hamilton, James Ginn and Russell Chapman.

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VERONICA MOHR CONGRATULATES first prize winner of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club Hat Show, Mrs. C. M. Shipp. Photo courtesy of Alice Pitcairn

Episcopal Church services held in 1838 as mission

BY RICHARD SHADON

The first Episcopal services were held in Shieldsboro, now known as Bay St. Louis, in 1838. Regular services were started in 1851, and in 1858 a small group of communicants organized as St. Luke's

Church was admitted to the Diocese. In 1860, a Church was built fronting the Bay. During the Civil War, the Church and Rectory were destroyed and title to the land was lost. In 1881 St. Luke's was dropped from the roll of Churches.

The outlook for the Church was not very bright at this time, but one woman, Miss Hettie Crowell, did not stand quietly by. Through her efforts, and the help of a few remaining Episcopalians, Christ Church was established in 1889. In 1890 the cornerstone was laid on North Beach, adjacent to Boardman Avenue.

No one person can take credit for the new Church. Mrs. Jesse Coward, who was a child of ten at that time, remembers riding all over town selling tickets for the outdoor events and the plays, all to swell the building fund.

Among the first members of Christ Church were Miss Hettie Crowell, Mrs. Kate Worsley, Miss Jennie Hunter and the Aiken, Coward, Von Gohren, Posey and Delamain families.

The first known Vestrymen were Judge Aiken, Charles Coward, Dr. L. H. Von Gohren and L. H. Von Gohren Jr. The first wedding held in the church was that of Miss Paula Von Gohren and Mr. W. W. Jenks. This was in November of 1891.

In 1901 Christ Church was admitted to the Diocese as a mission. In 1904 the Church was moved on rollers to the corner of North Beach and Carroll Avenue. Other families added to the Church

during this time, included the following: Chapman, Horton, deMontluzin, Wisner, Power, Firsching, Harris, Crawford, Penn, Pepperdine, Penrose, Capedon, Briggs, Norman, Thurston and the Robert Williams.

In 1938 a parish house was erected, and in 1947 three classrooms were added. In 1948 the Rev. Charles Johnson came to the Mission as Priest-in-charge. In 1950 Christ Church was granted Parish status. In that same year Christ Episcopal Day School was started.

In 1951 a 7½ acre property at 912 South Beach was purchased for a school-church complex. In 1956 a new brick school building was completed, and in 1962 the McCulloch wing was added, doubling its size. Brick residences were built for the Rector and the Curate in 1966 and 1968 respectively, and in 1969 the Coast Episcopal High School was established.

During Camille of 1969, Christ Church at the Beach and Carroll Avenue was destroyed. In the following years the present Church Building was erected at 912 South Beach.

Some interesting highlights that happened during the History of the Church: For 20 months after Camille the congregation met for services in the school building, using a portable altar, organ and classroom chairs. During 1935 and 1936, the late Bishop of Louisiana, the Very Rev. Girault M. Jones was priest in charge of the Mission. During the 3½ years between the leaving of Rev. Warick Aiken and the coming of Rev. Charles R. Johnson, James R. Shadoin and Phillip Allison officiated three Sundays a month as layreaders and the 4th Sunday by a visiting priest who held Holy Communion.

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Historical reports on Main Street Methodist show confusion on dates

(Editor's note) - In the year 1942 T. T. Robin served as Superintendent of the First Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. It is thought he is the author of the following history:

The Methodist church was organized in Bay St. Louis in 1880 with Rev. J. W. McClarren as pastor; services were held in a small building at the corner of Main and Second Streets on property given for the purpose by the late John V. Touline. In 1892 the parsonage was built and Rev. W. G. Forsyth was the first pastor to occupy it. In 1895 the present church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. N. B. Harmon. It was completed and all debts paid during the pastorate of Rev. J. P. Drake and it was dedicated by the late Bishop Charles B. Galloway in 1897.

In 1896 during the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Gray, a Sunday School annex of six class rooms was erected adjoining the church. Mrs. Isabel Joyner has been in continuous membership longer than any other living person. There are 240 members. Rev. J. L. Smith is the present pastor. The Board of Stewards is composed of Mrs. W. L. Bourgeois, Dr. J. A. Evans, H. K. Holderith, W. W. Hicks, Bryan Graham, John J. McDonald, C. C. McDonald, Sr., and T. T. Robin. The Board of Trustees are: W. R. Cagle, E. S. Drake, J. A. Evans, Donald Marshall, W. A. McDonald, C. M. Shipp and H. W. Driver.

Chas. J. Mitchell and Geo. R. Rea, recently deceased, were valued members of these boards, and each was serving as president of the Board of Stewards at the time of death.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 110. Mr. T. T. Robin is general superintendent; J. A. Evans, associate superintendent; C. C. McDonald, Jr., secretary. Teachers are Mr. A. Allison, Mrs. C. C. McDonald, Mrs. T. T. Robin, Miss Gladys Colson, Miss May Colson, Mrs. C. M. Shipp. There is a very active Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. A. C. Exnicous is president; Mrs. Alice Buckley, vice president and chairman of program committee; Mrs. E. C. Weston, recording secretary; Mrs. C. J. Mitchell, treasurer. There are 55 members.

A more recent history of the church was printed in 1976 with credits given Harry Shattuck, E. S. Drake, Mrs. James A. Evans, W. R. Pittcairn, David McDonald and Miss May Edwards. The account follows:

The Main Street United Methodist Church was organized in 1882 in the town of Sheldsboro, now Bay St. Louis, by Mr. E. D. Pitts, who was a school teacher and local

preacher. Worship services were held in a small building at the corner of Main and Second Street on property given by John V. Touline for a church. Records show that the Church in 1859 was known as St. John's Methodist Church, rather than the present name. By 1871, Bay St. Louis was one of the four most prominent preaching places on the coast, along with Biloxi, Hindsboro, and Pass Christian.

In 1892, the first parsonage was built and in 1895 the present church building was erected on the corner of Main and Second Streets on a lot given six years earlier by J. V. Touline. In 1977, the building will be 82 years old and the church will observe its 125th anniversary. It was dedicated by Bishop Charles B. Galloway in 1897, the year a disastrous \$75,000 fire destroyed about half the town.

The church building was not completed until near the turn of the century. In 1896 Bay St. Louis was worshipping for the second year in an incomplete building which had no windows or doors. Records also show that in 1900 the new building was wired for electricity at cost of \$36.00. W. W. Cannamach, pastor in 1902, was awarded \$375.00 as salary for his services.

In 1936, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Early Gray, a six class room annex was constructed at the rear of the present sanctuary and in 1944 Mr. A. C. Exnicous gave to the church a plot of land adjoining the church building; five years later the church purchased from Mr. Exnicous a two-story building which was used for educational purposes. The building was adjacent to the land given earlier and with these additions, the church grounds cover nearly all of a small city block in the downtown area next to the County Courthouse. Mrs. Exnicous gave the church the last \$1000 note.

St. Joseph's had 3 graduates in 1900

The graduating class from St. Joseph's Academy in the year 1900 consisted of three young ladies, all residents of Bay St. Louis. The girls were Clemmie Cazenave, Nellie Tyler and a Miss Hamilton, whose first name, unfortunately was omitted from the records.

Rev. Mother Euphrasia, superior of the local order, prepared the program with the assistance of St. Stanislaus Brass Band, Prof. John A. Hemmerscheidt, leader, and it was said to have furnished "several hours of entertainment that was edifying and interesting to

the audience of the cultured and prominent citizens of the community and vicinity."

A reporter for the Echo covered the event and the following account is reproduced from that paper: "The Echo wishes to congratulate the beautiful and accomplished young ladies — the term here used in its true sense — upon the triumph of their studies. Success is theirs. They are the victors and they belong the laurels.

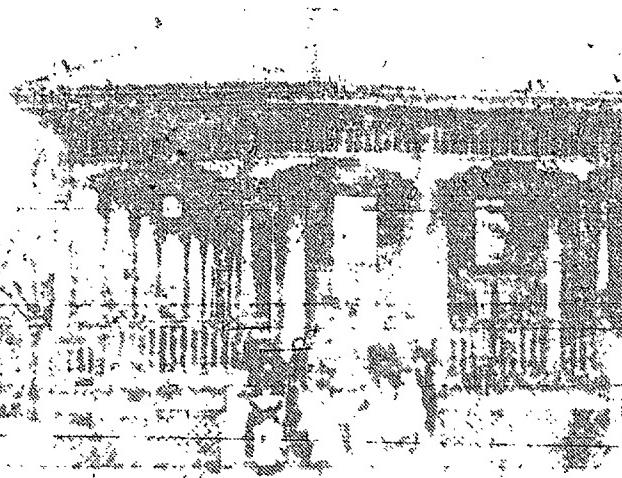
Equipped as they are with a true education both of the heart and mind with these attributes — inseparable indulgences for good — they can safely tread the waters of the 'mystic deep.' Their diplomas from St. Joseph's Academy are passports through the world and sesame to the portals that lead down the vista of success and power. Their education is thorough in literature, science, and religion in all that the stores of knowledge contain, and their inheritance bequeathed by School Days that are no more, is such that neither time nor enemy can wrest away or design to sever."

Society notes of that 77 years old Echo record how these outstanding graduates were feted and also reveal how social notes were worded.

A direct quote tells us:

"A most enjoyable sail was given Tuesday night aboard the schooner 'Louisiana'.

There was a good breeze and the night was an ideal one for a ride on the water. Among those comprising the merry party who participated in the sail were: Mrs. L. J. Henderson, chaperone, Misses Nellie Tyler, Josie Sturges, Jessie, Mabel, Clemmie and Gertrude Cazenave, Johnnie and Jess Hart, Daisy Ruisch, Blanche Avery, Phil Welsh and Lilian Billington, M. Jayne, Edgard Driver, Albert Brown, Paul Daniel and others."



THE HOME OF L.M. Gex at North Beach and Sycamore on New Year's Day in 1908. Courtesy of Mrs. C.C. McDonald.

Joe Taconi talks of Peerless cannery and early customs

Just about everybody in Bay St. Louis knows Joe Taconi. For 42 years prior to his retirement Joe worked with the city with the Utilities System. He retired in 1965 and now has time to enjoy several hobbies — including recalling the past and telling about it.

Joe remembers when Charles Trabu was Mayor and our sheriff, Sylvan Ladner's father served as an alderman. He remembers when he worked for the Peerless Canning Factory "stood right where the Yacht Club is now" — his pay was seven cents an hour, and he worked long enough to earn between two and a half to three dollars a week. (Not bad for a 17 year old lad in those days.)

The canning factory put up shrimp, oysters, crabs and sweet potatoes and figs and okra. The workers were mostly Bohemians — "came out of Baltimore and had their own camp. It was on Felicity Street and workers were furnished free stoves, free wood and their camp houses," recalls Taconi. Joe recalls there were women working in the factory that earned up to five dollars a day.

"There was a big shell pile from the factory," Joe added, and said the shells were used for surfacing the streets and roads. "Talk about DUST!"

Joe exclaimed, "and shells were cheap. Why a man could go down to the shell pile with a mule and wagon and get shells for a nickel a barrel." Taconi said the townspeople had many complaints about the factory. "They didn't like that whistle blowing and waking them up at three o'clock every morning... and they didn't like the smells from the factory either. Come to think of it — it DID STINK, but that whistle sounded like music to working folks in need of grocery money," Joe reasoned.

SEA FOOD A-PLenty

In discussing seafood, Joe Taconi thinks back some fifty or sixty years ago when Bay St. Louis really produced fine seafood. "Before the Trawlers came netting little sea life." Joe said "shrimp were plentiful, they were big and they were cheap." Joe said shrimp then retailed in the markets for two pounds for a quarter. "I used to cast my net anywhere along the front," declared Taconi "and I would sell two one-pound coffee cans jam-packed for a quarter."

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Father Scanlon recalls history

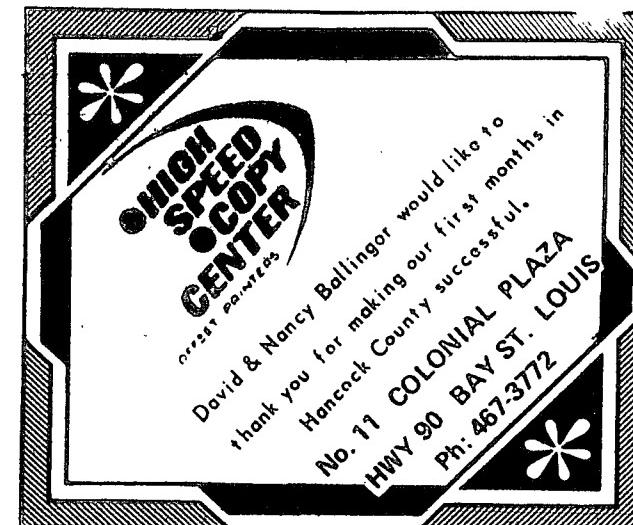
In a prepared statement dated October 26, 1976, Father John Scanlon, pastor of Saint Clare's Catholic Church in Waveland recalled the Edwardsville Community an area serving primarily personnel of the Edwards Saw Mill Company. His message follows:

ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH in the Edwardsville Community, Hancock County, Mississippi, built in 1910 on land donated by Edna Kuffie Edwards, was built of timber cut in the area and furnished by Edwards Sawmill Company. A mission of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Bay St. Louis, St. Henry was erected during the pastorate of Father John Prendergast and located on the Edwardsville Road, now known as the Washington Road.

In 1927 St. Henry Church was moved to its present location then called the Old Kiln Road, more recently renamed Longfellow Drive, onto a site donated by Albert Brown. Bishop Brunini revised parish boundaries in November, 1966, and placed all the Edwardsville Community, including St. Henry, under the care of St. Clare Church, Waveland.

When N.A.S.A. came into Hancock County, Holy Cross Church in the Bayou LaCroix Community, erected on land given by the Zengarling family in 1907, was moved to the grounds of St. Henry Church. Father Patrick Hannelly joined the two church buildings into one in 1968, thus doubling the seating capacity of St. Henry. Hurricane Camille took its toll in 1969, and \$6,000.00 in repairs were necessitated. At this present writing St. Henry continues to be served from

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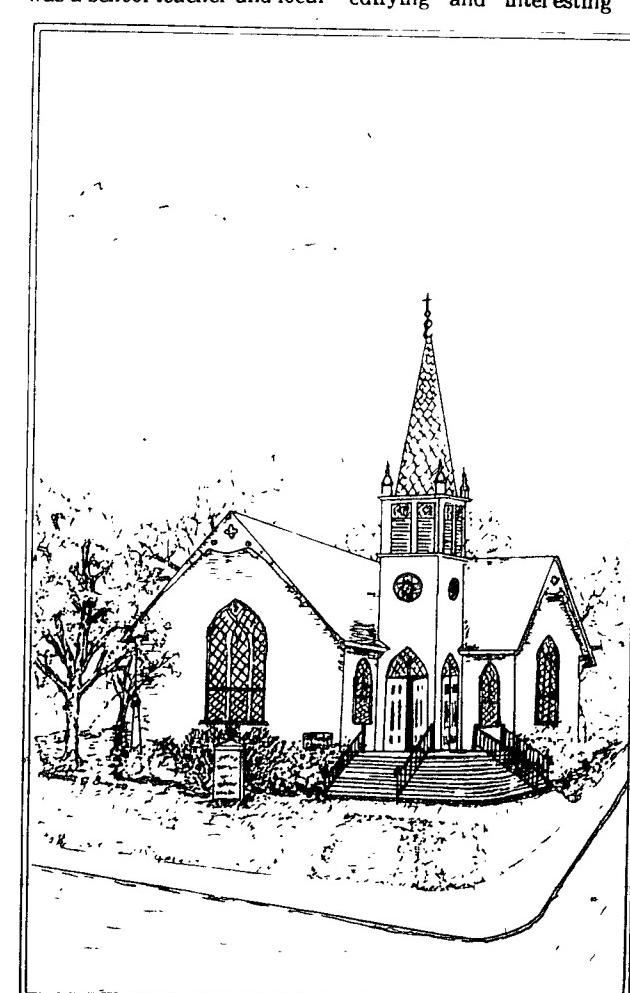


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A few old bottles and jugs were recently unearthed on this location by Dennis Osborn, retired carpenter and now owner of the former Brown's vineyard.

The L&N years from Oct. 29, 1870

The year was 1870 at which time silver and gold spikes were driven near Lake



POST CARD OF 1890 depicts Front Street Bay St. Louis when piers were prevalent, streets were shell-paved, white picket fences determined boundaries and the message read: "We are having spring now."

Catherine, Louisiana. A great celebration marking the completion of the railroad miles of service for both

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fright and passengers between two cities! That feat was surely feated! It made obsolete the former service, a trip by intercoastal steamer which required 18 hours as compared to this five hour unheard of speed.

A bunch of "yankees" came down from New York with money for financing and money flowed for construction which in fact didn't begin until February 3, 1869. Henry Van Vleck, Chief Construction engineer, surveyed the line and said the road would cost \$3,500,000 - a figure that doubled before the project was completed. Included in the plans were more than seven miles of bridges and trestles. Saw mills at Gainesville, Pearl River and Mississippi City buzzed steadily turning out some half-million cross-ties.

In the mid 1870's the No. M. and C. joined forces with the Louisville and Nashville railroad to provide through passenger service between the Gulf Coast and Ohio Valley. The L. and N. later leased the No-M and C and in 1880 purchased it outright. A mainline of the L. and N. Railroad, the Gulf Coast owes much of its development to this facility which is now overshadowed by a vast network of Freight Truck Routes.

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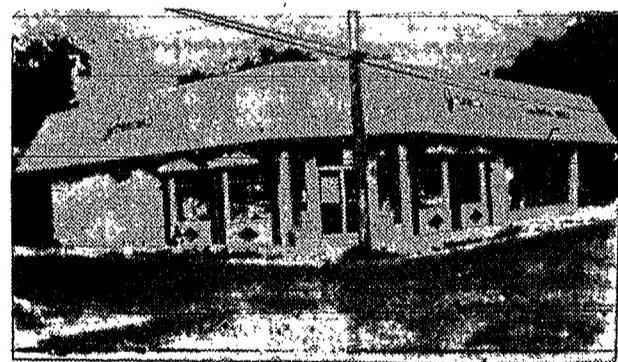
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COUNTY LIBRARY
SYSTEM

The Hancock County Library System presently consists of City-County Public Library, Bay St. Louis; Waveland Library, Waveland, and the Hancock County Bookmobile.

City-County Public Library is the headquarters for the county library system.

Designed by Fred Wagner and constructed by George Hopkins, Gulfport, at a cost of \$258,170.34, the contemporary building houses the main collection and administrative units for the system. In its

9,800 square feet is a children's wing, a rare book

and local history room, public

meeting room, reference and

microfilm collection,

Mississippi and Louisiana

collection, audio-visual

equipment, and bookmobile

garage.

This library unit began as a Work Progress Administration project in 1934 under the direction of Miss Louise Crawford. Located in two rooms over the Hancock

Bank building with branches in outlying communities, the library relied on donations and gifts of books and money.

In 1948, the library was

moved to the ground floor of

the Knights of Columbus

building on Main Street. As

the library grew, the Library

Board of Trustees raised

money and purchased the

Plunkett home at 123 Court

Street. This library was

known as the City-County

Memorial Library. In 1966,

the library became a public

library with public monies to

support it. A \$10,000.00

donation had been received

for a new building, and other

donations allowed the Board

of Trustees to purchase

bookmobile equipment, and bookmobile

property on Highway 90 in

1967.

While work toward funding

for a new building continued,

the library was moved to the

corner of Dunbar and Ulman

Street in 1969. Then word was

received that under the

Library and Services Con-

struction Act of 1974, Hancock

County could receive

\$204,000.00 if local funds of

\$136,400.00 could be obtained.

On September 3, 1974,

Waveland, Bay St. Louis,

Hancock County, the

Mississippi Library Com-

mission, and the Library

Board of Trustees signed an

agreement to allocate the

needed funds. The ground

breaking was held on July 13,

1975, and the building was

completed and formally

dedicated on June 27, 1976.

Bookmobile service was

begun in October of 1968, when

the Mississippi Library

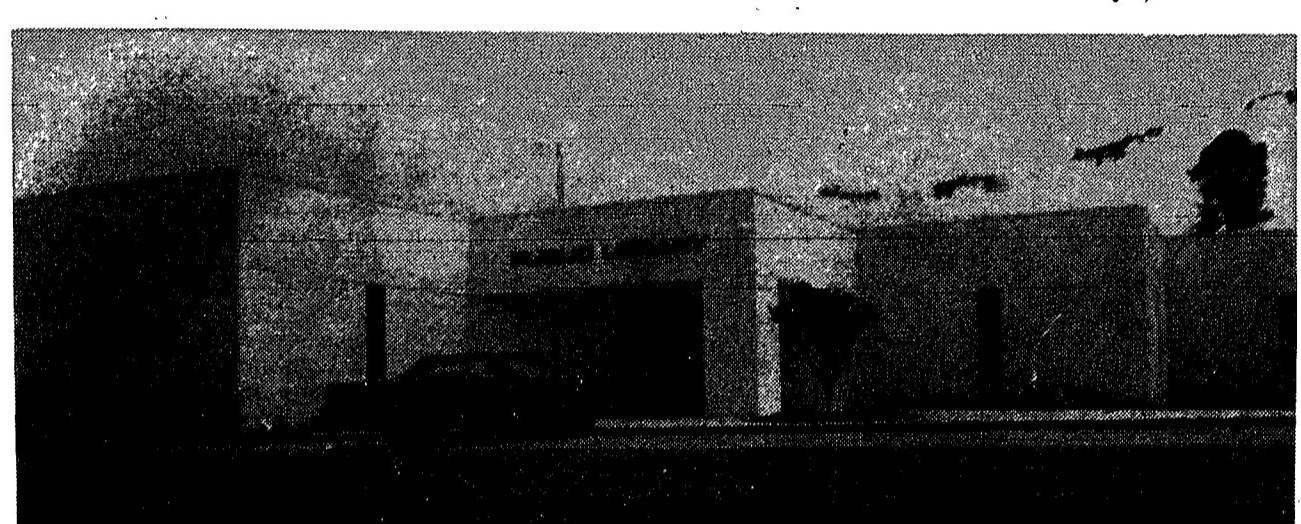
Commission loaned a book-

mobile on a six month trial

basis. Response was overwhelming and in 1974 a new Dodge Traco Bookmobile was purchased and put into operation. It now serves nineteen communities in Hancock County.

The bookmobile used during the trial period was the beginning of full library service to Waveland, Mississippi. The vehicle was parked next to the Waveland Town Hall and opened July 21, 1969, as a branch library. In 1971, the Waveland Library moved into rooms in the Waveland City Hall. During 1975, while the new

headquarters facility was being constructed in Bay St. Louis, Waveland officials completely remodeled a two room building on Coleman Avenue for the Waveland Library. This facility has a spacious children's room and separate adult reading room. The formal dedication was held on July 3, 1976.



PUBLIC LIBRARY

St. Joseph's is no more

St. Joseph's Academy is no more. The sturdy and stately old building was demolished in late January 1973. Townpeople wept during the dismantling and there were the sentimental collectors of antiquity eager to buy salvaged materials and furnishings from the old school so revered and respected during its century of service. And with lumps in their throats they remembered...

Three courageous Sisters of St. Joseph, passengers aboard the John Hancock, point of departure LeHavre, France and destination New Orleans

sailing under the instructions and with the blessings of Father Buteux. Departure Date, December 1854. A voyage of 41 days! From New Orleans to Bay St. Louis required an additional seven hours. First by train to Lake Pontchartrain and then by steamboat to Bay St. Louis. In Waveland they were housed in a four room cottage and on January 7, 1855 opened a school there. Sister Eulalie in a letter to her Superior wrote:

"Bay St. Louis, which is only a small borough in the winter, becomes a great city in summer. The citizens of New Orleans flock there with their families to take up residence and to flee from the flail of yellow fever which lays waste their city during the hot season."

It is reported that the school moved from Waveland to Bay St. Louis where the sisters were warmly received as citizens felt the need for instruction and spiritual guidance for their children. By 1866 the Academy was flourishing and had 45 boarders.

In November of 1907 a fire destroyed the Parochial School and Academy. A heart and back-breaking fifty three years of work went up in smoke! In a rented building school went on. The following March rebuilding was begun and by October, a new and greater St. Joseph's opened its doors to eager students. The school was a two-story brick building with basement, large class rooms and there were dormitories for boarding students.

380 students were enrolled at St. Joseph's Academy in 1955 most of them natives of Mississippi and Louisiana, however, some came from Alaska, South America, Florida, Mexico, Washington - Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and Columbia. Girls wore navy blue pleated skirts and white tailored blouses, the school had affiliation with Southern Association of Accredited Schools and the evaluation board placed a high rating on the institution. Sister Dorothy was principal of the school, a native of New Orleans. Of the school she wrote: "There are six buildings on the campus if we count the laundry. These buildings are placed in a rambling sort of way amongst massive water oaks, shrubs, cedars, magnolias and other shade trees that lend so much to the restful atmosphere found in these environs." A sort of shrine on the campus was the House of the First Sisters. This quaint and well preserved little building and the Shrine "Our Lady of the Woods" were pointed out with pride and the story of how "Our Lady" came to be is an interesting one: It seems that Father Buteux invoked the aid of Our Blessed Mother if spared death during a raging sea storm, and he promised to build a shrine in her honor. In 1857 he had visited France and enroute to Bay St. Louis the ship sprung a leak, storms battered the vessel for five days and seas were very high.

Upon safe arrival Father Buteux ordered the statue from France and in due time it was placed in a wooded area of the campus. St. Joseph's Academy ran into financial problems during the mid 1960's and there was a shortage of sisters to teach. The school was closed prior to Hurricane Camille.

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facility started with 16 patients.

In January of 1962 Mr. and Mrs. David W. Smallwood purchased and incorporated the Gulf View Haven, Inc. and continue to operate the home as we know it today. Mrs. Myrtle R. Smallwood, a registered nurse and licensed nursing home administrator serves as president of Gulf View Haven, Inc. and Edgar W. Santa Cruz, Jr., also a licensed nursing home administrator serves as Vice President. Dr. Sidney A. Chevis is medical director of the facility.

Gulf View Haven Nursing Home admits about 70 patients and serves approximately 150 patients each year. In the 18 years of operation as a nursing home the facility has served about 2,000 people with a staff of as few as 20 and up to 60 on an annual basis with a pay roll up to \$270,000.

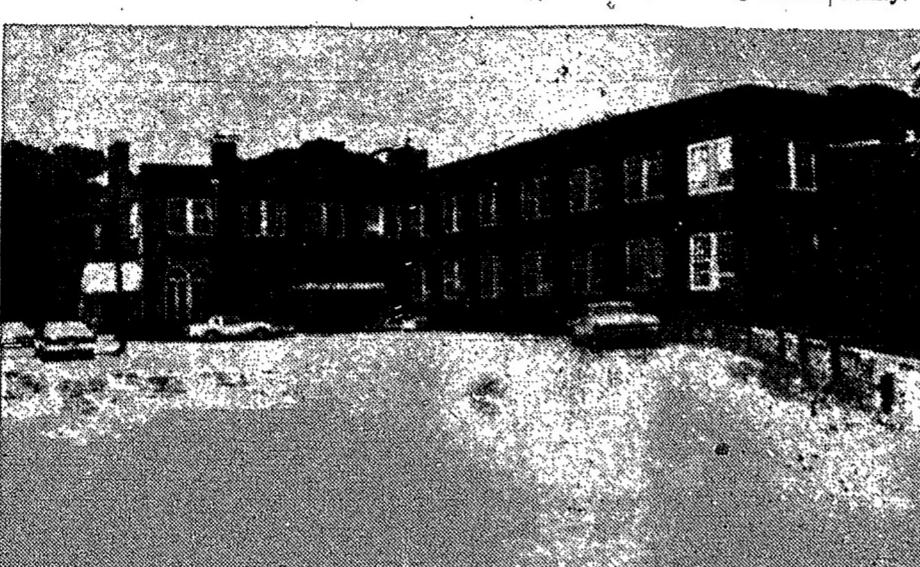
At this time Gulf View Haven Nursing Home is undergoing a remodeling and renovation program under the authorization of a Federal Certificate of need for a capital expenditure of \$455,000.00 which has been

fully recommended by the Mississippi Health Planning and Development Agency and issued by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Upon completion of this program, scheduled for

December 1977, the facility will consist of 60 nursing care beds of which 20 skilled care and 60 will be intermediate care beds.

Kessels-Diboll-Kessels, architects and associated

engineers firm of New Orleans said of the building: "The structure of the building is in excellent condition. The existing floor plan is conducive to efficient operation of a Nursing Home Facility."



GULFVIEW HAVEN



THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE Building, erected in 1790, stands today as a landmark on the Beach Front. Now a private residence, the home is in excellent state of repair. Photo - Courtesy of Nell Ducomb.

Excerpts from letters written by Henry Weston

Henry Weston, founder of the H. Weston Lumber Company of Logtown, left his native Maine in the fall of 1844 and after a series of jobs in various locations ended up as owner-operator of the largest sawmill to ever operate on Pearl River. In a letter written to his brother on June 1, 1851, Weston gave an interesting account of his views on slavery. At the time of the writing, Weston had been in the South only five years.

The letter reads in part: "I am doing rather better than I expected when I set in here. In six months I have sawed 1,100 thousand feet of lumber at 50 cents and 775 thousand lathes at 10 cents. The lathes will a little more than pay my board and other expenses, which will leave me \$50 for six months work. Very fair business for a man without capital. But mind, this is not made without hard work and close application, so close as to almost entirely exclude me from society. There is nothing in my head but niggers and lumber 3-12 & 3-14 & C. By the way, what would Mrs. Bowne think of me if she knew that I, northern man, was here a (negro driver) Boss over a group of negroes - to tie up and whip once in a while. You people think slavery a great sin, but let me tell you that they are as well off as the northern labourers. The law protects and provides for feed and clothing and a doctor in case of sickness - everything necessary for his comfort. But he is made to work, if he will not do his work he is whipped and a chain and ball put to his leg, put in the stocks, etc. If a northern man doesn't show to work he has to go without bread. This is the principle difference and no northern man coming to New Orleans can look on the fat, sleek, smiling faces of the

negro population and think they are unhappy."

WESTON'S TRIP EAST

Henry Weston was a great letter writer. He made a trip "back East", returning to Logtown on November 5, 1856. On November 9, 1856, he wrote a letter to his brother saying:

I have been here for four days and this is the first moment I have had that I could write. I laid over one day in Boston to visit Mrs. Mead. Lost a day in Chicago by the cars being 40 minutes behind time. Laid over a night in Cairo. Lost six hours by boat getting aground and 8 hours by boat burning a hole in her boiler. I arrived in New Orleans last Sunday morning and regular mail boat would not put me out at the Rigoleto wood yard, so I had to wait until Tuesday for the Coast mail boat which brought me home Tuesday night at 12:00, too late to vote."

Editor's Note: These letters were made available through Mrs. Roy Baxter, Sr. who lived for 54 years in Logtown and was closely associated with members of the Weston family. The letters were compiled in a history written by Roland Weston, grandson of Henry Weston.

Oyster shuckers are paid in 1977 by the gallon with \$3 to \$3.50 per gallon being the going rate. Regular workers are expected to yield 10 gallons a day with \$35.00 per day the take-home pay.

Charles G. Moreau for many years newspaper publisher and editor in his efforts to assist in the development of Hancock County died recently seeing a copy of his Golden Jubilee Edition of the SEA COAST ECHO.

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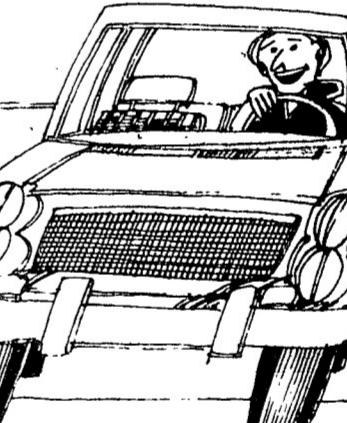
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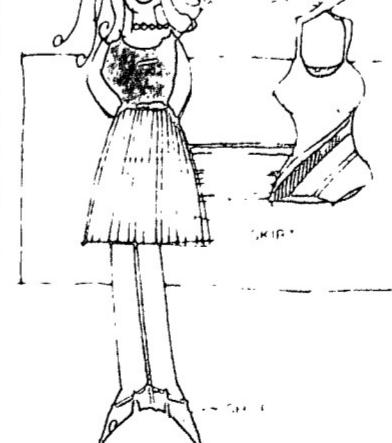
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Dairy industry developed during depression days; cows kept for compost...

By L.J. BREAUX,
PRESIDENT
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People of the Steep Hollow Community in Hancock County had no money with which to buy fertilizer during the Depression years of 1932-33, but a vocational teacher, Emmerich of the Savanna School encouraged Crane

cattle to pen up cattle and use their droppings to double the garden harvest. This was the beginning of a

dairy business in Hancock County that began with four dairy farmers and increased to 177 at the peak of dairy

farming throughout the county. In those early days there were no fences or pastures

and cows roamed the woods at large. Cow droppings were gathered occasionally and mixed with soil for corn and garden crops. Emmerich convinced the people in the area that milk could be sold for cash and if the animals were confined, droppings could be picked up daily and mixed with leaves to make a fertile compost.

The first men to begin

milk cows in the county

were Henry Harel, Plummer

Shaw, Harrison Harel, and Joseph Shaw, Sr. Plummer Shaw, born in 1887, still lives on his farm in north Hancock County and the dairy barn he constructed stands today. Seaborn Shaw, son of Joseph Shaw, Sr. still milks cows on the original site, however, their barn has periodically undergone remodeling.

Lemuel (Slim) Harel was the first milk hauler. Using a Model A Ford pick-up Slim hauled milk to the Crosby Creamery in Picayune twice

each day.

Thomas Harel recalls helping to save pine logs for lumber, split cypress shingles for the roof of their first barn which was built at a complete cost of eight dollars. The money was spent for nails and cement.

The Crosby Creamery of

Picayune was most helpful to

farmers. Crosby bought Jersey

cows and put them on farms of

dairy men who repaid him out

of their monthly milk checks.

Milk sold at \$1.50 per hundred

weight. Hauling cost was

twenty cents per hundred

weight, cottonseed meal used

for feed cost sixty cents per

hundred weight. Dairies

began to spring up all over

Crane Creek, Sellers, Leetown

and Necaise Crossing areas.

Rosie Shaw bought cows in

1935 for which he paid \$20 per

head. For 42 years Rosie

Shaw has been milking cows.

He enjoys his work. In 1938

Jack Shaw, age 14, started as

a helper hauling milk. Now at

the age of fifty-two Jack hauls

milk for dairymen of Han-

cock, Pearl River and 4 ad-

ditional counties.

By 1942 Hancock County had

166 dairies within its bound-

aries. When electricity came

to the rural areas, dairying

changed rapidly. The Health

Department demanded better

barns. Milking machines

were purchased. Surface

coolers were placed by ice

bank can coolers. Milk was

delivered to the plant every

second day. A cooperative

Creamery for Bay St. Louis-Han-

cock County was organized. By 1944 Hancock

County dairy farmers set a

record in raw milk production.

Dairying grew by leaps, total

milk production of raw fluid

milk reached a record figure of

2,860,000 pounds, an

average of 715,000 pounds per

month. 79 dairymen pur-

chased stock in the Co-Op

Creamery. By June of 1945

Farmer's Co-Op Creamery

was selling pasteurized milk

in Bay St. Louis. The Navy

Base took 4,000 quarts of milk

per day.

The first annual meeting of

the Co-Op Creamery was held

in July 1945 with 60 members

present and Otho Rester,

president of the group. By

November 29 of 1946 the

Farmers Co-Op Creamery had

closed because they could not

meet obligations. Losses in

the first year's operation

amounted to \$29,000.

By 1947 dairying began to

dwindle and in 1950 because of

increasing technicalities,

most older producers got out

of the business. Pastures

started developing over the

county and better dairymen

kept cows under fence.

In 1961 Louis Breaux built

the first milking parlor barn

and pipeline milking system in

the county. It was among the

first approved by the State

Health Department. A major

change of 1961 was conversion

from the ten gallon milk can to

bulk tanks. This process took

milk from cow through

stainless steel lines directly to

tank, untouched by hand and

unexposed to elements.

Within twenty minutes after

milking the milk was cooled to

37 degrees!

Weakened by financial

problems and discouraged by

government regulations, the

U.S. dairy farmer is rapidly

buckling under. There are

now only fourteen dairies

remaining in Hancock County.

An Oklahoma dairy

economist said: "In the 21

years I have worked with milk

producers they have never

experienced the financial

crisis they have faced since

June of 1974". And there is a

prediction that soon our

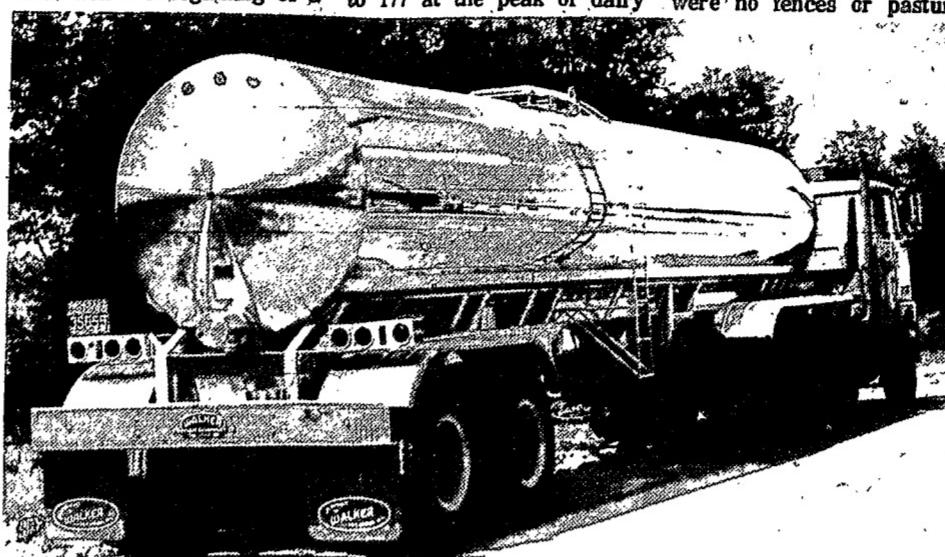
grandchildren will be taking

their children to a zoo to see a

cow.



RAW MILK WAS picked up in 5 gal. cans for Newman-Cobb processing in 1945. Photo courtesy of L.J. Breaux.



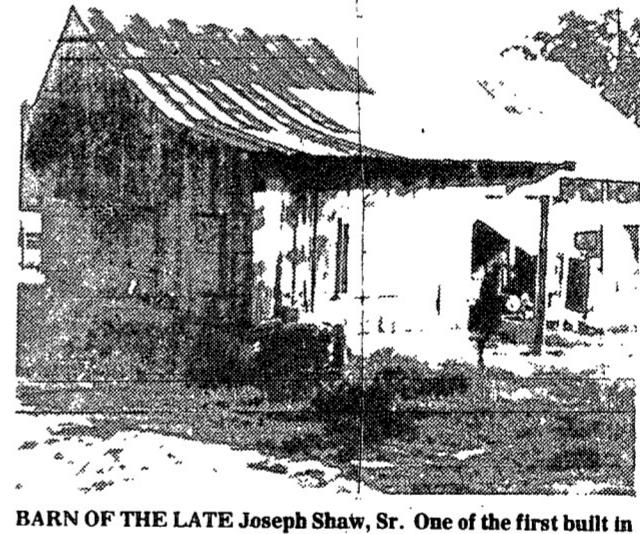
MODERN TANK TRANSPORT milk from dairy farms to processing plant. Open bed trucks were once used with no refrigeration, however, milk was cooled down somewhat by farmers before it was loaded. Photo Courtesy L.J. Breaux.



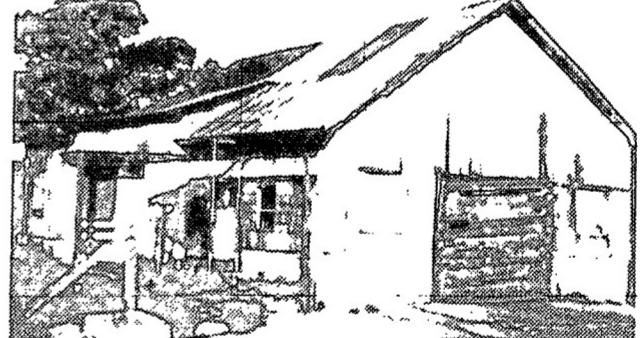
Damages to Hancock General Hospital during Camille ran \$95,878.00.



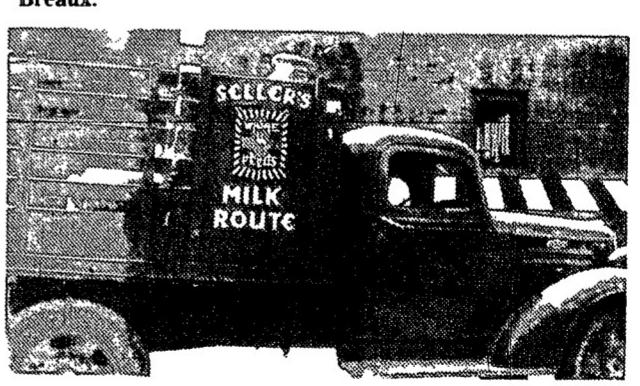
ROSIE SHAW AND SON, R.B. Shaw operate a dairy farm in the Crane Creek Community. Rosie with his mother got in the dairy business in 1935. The oldest active dairy farmer in Hancock County, Rosie's 42 years of experience enables good advice for his son on farm matters. Photo courtesy of L.J. Breaux.



BARN OF THE LATE Joseph Shaw, Sr. One of the first built in Hancock County is still in use today by Seaborn Shaw, a son. Photo courtesy of L.J. Breaux.



BUILT IN 1932 THIS Dairy Barn owned by Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Shaw is one of the first four barns built in Hancock County. Seaborn is the son of the late Joseph Shaw who first owned the barn which is still in use today. Photo courtesy L.J. Breaux.



THIS 1937 CHEVROLET truck was one of many used to deliver milk from dairy farm to processing plant in yesteryears. Photo Courtesy L.J. Breaux.



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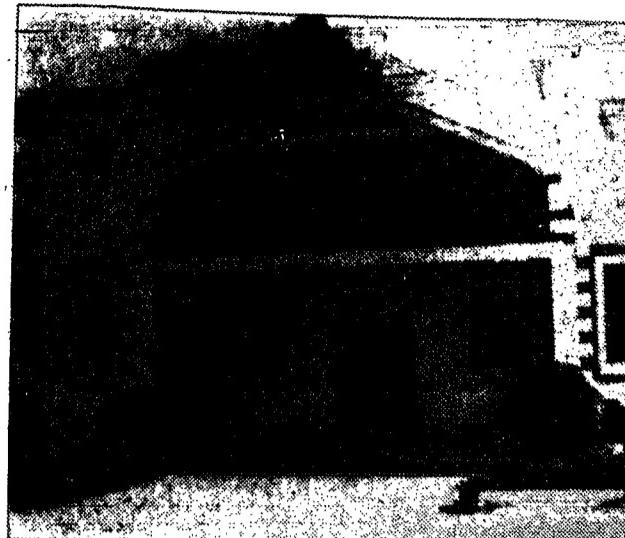
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FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

History told of First Missionary Baptist Church

In 1877 the First Missionary Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis was established. The church was organized in the home of Deacon Alexander Fox. Rev. Taylor Fryerson became the first regular pastor. The small membership constructed the first church on Kellogg Street between Hancock and Third Streets. Later the Reverend Fryerson moved to St. Charles, Louisiana and a second pastor, Rev. Charles Mosley, a native of Bay St. Louis served in his stead.

From 1864 to 1868 the church was pastored by the Rev. Jesie L. Trotter. This was a period of expansion where an educational department, dining facility and fellowship hall as well as a pastor's study were added.

The next pastor was Rev. H. Lowe of Vicksburg, Mississippi. At the time of his death his pastorage had lasted for 26 years.

The church was served also by Rev. McWillis of Louisiana and Reverend M. J. Madison.

Rev. J. W. Lee of Pearlington, then Moderator of the Gulf Coast Missionary Baptist Association, served seven years as pastor of the church until it was destroyed

by a hurricane. Rev. Lee then moved to Oakland, California.

Rev. S. T. Peters of Slidell, Louisiana was successful in holding the congregation together and plans were made to build a new structure. In April 1950 the present church was completed. Rev. Peters served for 15 years before moving to California.

From 1964 to 1968 the church was pastored by the Rev. Charles, Louisiana and a second pastor, Rev. Charles Mosley, a native of Bay St. Louis served in his stead.

During the tenure of Rev. Mosley's services the present site on the corner of Sycamore and Third Streets was bought for the purpose of erecting a new church. After serving for a number of years, Rev. Mosley resigned and Rev. A. L. Washington of Picayune served for a time.

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Jackson House

Built about the time of the Battle of New Orleans (1815) for General Andrew Jackson by J. J. Johnston, who came from Virginia for the job.

The structure was located at the northeast corner of the park site in the trees that face the Mississippi Sound.

The timber was taken from the area, with an ax and saw used to shape the timber. No nails were used, as wooden pegs held the structure together. The flooring was 4 x 6. Bricks were made on the place. The foundations were put together with tar made from fat pine on the place.

Just as the house was fully completed, it burned to the ground.

At the time of the fire General Jackson was in New Orleans. He came over to Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis) and paid Mr. Johnston for his work and ordered him to rebuild the house.

Timber for the second house came from a little mill on Bayou Gallere. Pegs and square nails were used to fasten the timbers together.

General Jackson never occupied the house, but was occupied for a time by General Jackson's nephew, Peter Boarding, Joseph Eckert, Louis Nau, John Bowman, Francis Wade, William Jans, George Heffner and Francis Borgia Aubespain, S.V.D.

Early history of St. Rose De Lima

(Editors Note: The following interesting account was mailed from St. Rose De Lima Church located at 301 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis in response to a request for background material.)

The history of St. Rose de Lima school and parish are very closely connected and goes back over one hundred years. In 1868, it is recorded that there were 24 blacks getting some kind of catholic education and attending a school for black children. The school at that time, was associated with Our Lady of the Gulf Church and was known as St. Rose de Lima. This is the first record we have of the existence of something close to what is known today as St. Rose De Lima Church and Parish.

The Sisters of St. Joseph were asked in 1865 to instruct the black children and to take over the school. The black Catholics were to worship with the people of Our Lady of the Gulf. However during the worship ceremonies, the blacks were assigned special places to sit and kneel.

In 1921, the black parishioners, now identified as St. Rose de Lima officially, were told that the Sisters of St. Joseph were no longer able to teach their children and handle the religious instructions. They were the administrators of St. Joseph's Academy, an all girl school and would have little time to handle the extra work. So at this time the SVD took over the apostolate to the blacks.

In 1924 four sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit came to work in the school. Because of their coming and other reasons, a new site was established on Necaise Street. The intention was to eventually build a church on the new site.

In 1926 funds were raised and the church was built and

Former Hancock Co. General Hospital Administrator writes page of history

The Honorable Ross Barnett, Governor of the State of Mississippi, on May 28, 1950 gave the dedication address when the new Hancock General Hospital was opened for medical care. At that time Theo. T. Reboul, Jr. was president of the hospital's Board of Trustees, and Thomas O. Logue served as Administrator. In addition to Reboul, those serving on the Board of Trustees included K. W. Pepperdene, Treasurer; Norton J. Haas, Sr., Secretary; Clifton Saucier, Vice-President; Judge Frank A. Selph, Hubert Thigpen and Mrs. T. P. Ward, members.

The medical staff was composed of Doctors: Frank L. Schmidt, president; Thomas A. Quigley, secretary; A. K. Martinovich, vice-president, and W. L. McFarland, A. R. Smith and Nicholas Campbell, members. There were 14 associate staff

doctors. Administrator Logue filed a brief history pertaining to medical care given to residents of Hancock County prior to the opening of Hancock General under the heading:

A PAGE OUT OF HISTORY

Prior to 1921, Dr. A. P. Smith operated a Clinic-Hospital on Main Street.

From 1921 to 1950 the Kings Daughters and Sons operated a hospital on Carroll Avenue.

In 1950, Hancock County

acquired the Kings Daughters and Sons Hospital. The Board of Supervisors each appointed one Trustee from his beat and the Board as a whole appointed two Trustees-at-large, making a total of seven.

The original Board of Trustees was composed of Mrs. T. P. Ward, Norton Haas, Sr., K. W. Pepperdene, T. T. Reboul, F. A. Selph, Frank Shaw and Hubert Thigpen. Sam L. Favre, Jr., was ap-

pointed attorney for the Board of Trustees.

In January, 1950, the name

of the hospital was changed to Hancock General Hospital.

1950 - that was the year

National Hospital Week was

celebrated in Bay St. Louis

with emphasis on how the

Hancock General was

equipped to meet medical

needs. The hospital issued a

report: Bed Capacity: 32

patient beds, 10 private and

20 semi-private, 6 colored

patient beds and 2 labor beds,

5 emergency cots and 10

bassinettes.

The cost of the building and

grounds was reportedly ap-

proximately \$500,000 and

hospital equipment was

at \$44,245.26. In addition

equipment moved from the old

hospital had a valuation of

\$556,245.26.

A statistical breakdown

showed total number of

patients admitted 771, number

of babies born 111, charity

patients admitted 88, highest

daily census 32; lowest daily

census, 6; telephone calls

made by patients 4,976; major

operations, 41; average

number of employees 59; total

annual payroll \$10,094.64.

Administrator Logue an-

nounced: "I ought to note that no in-

crease in tax millage was

needed for the new hospital."

Volunteer workers were given

special thanks for their active

support.

1960 - The Hancock County

Community might well be

proud of its progress with

focus on medical care.



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OUR HERITAGE REMEMBERED Sea Coast Echo-Sunday, May 29, 1977

In 1870

Public education started with one teacher schools

Public Schools in Hancock County began in 1870 with the appointment of J. J. Bradford as first County Superintendent of Education. Twenty years later (1890) there were seven one-teacher schools along the Gulf Coast one of which was at Waveland and one in Bay St. Louis. The first public school teacher in Bay St. Louis was J. T. Eagan, assisted by Mrs. Felix Saucier.

By 1958 a school system of merit had developed with the Webb and Taylor Schools. The Valena C. Jones School for colored children which started in 1906 had developed into a modern school serving blacks from throughout the county. St. Augustine Seminary, opened in 1920 was rated nation's highest for training

negro youths for priesthood. Christ Episcopal Day School in the year 1958 was graduating its first 8th grade class - it was one of a very few schools with AA rating from the State Accrediting Commission. St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph's Academy had attracted many students from Latin America as well as local students. Both were rated high in scholastic achievements.

Through the courtesy of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce we were able to chart the progress of our public and private educational systems since 1958. Today in the Bay St. Louis separate School District Public Schools serving Bay St. Louis and Waveland include North Bay Elementary, Waveland

Elementary, Bay Jr. High, and the Hancock County Public Schools consist of five fully accredited schools following the State of Mississippi educational guidelines. They are: Hancock North Central High School, Hancock North Central Jr. High School, Hancock North Central Elementary School, the Charles B. Murphy Elementary School of Pearl River and the Gulfview Elementary School of Lakeshore.

Catholic Elementary Schools include: St. Rose de Lima, Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis Catholic Elementary School is fully accredited, offers Music Education, Art, Physical

Education Educational T.V. in all classes. Sport programs and luncheon facilities are added attractions. St. Clare on South Beach Boulevard in Waveland is a fully accredited Catholic School for boys and girls. Christ Episcopal Day School has AA rating, and Our Lady's Academy on South Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis is also a fully accredited Catholic School for girls grades seven through 12. St. Stanislaus (grades 6 through 12) operated by Brothers of the Sacred Heart has a progressive record and high rating covering some 123 years. Recently added is Hancock Vocational-Technical Center answering a need for continued adult education as well as special training of technical nature.



THE FOURTH GRADE CLASS of the Webb School posed for this picture in 1928.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Emmett Baughman

By Claiborne

JP's organized to fight crime

Up until 1811 gangsters are credited with many a shoot-out with robbery, murder and kidnapping the order of the day. James Copeland and his gang became notorious. Pierre Remaux from a "good" Scottish family, was a pirate of distinction in the 1800's. His band of thugs had headquarters in Honey Island Swamp right across from Gainesville. When Jackson's army was on the march it used Remaux-the-Pirate's fleet to transport artillery and heavy equipment to New Orleans. Later Remaux turned tail - joined the King's army and was killed in battle.

Governor William Charles Cole Claiborne, in an effort to establish law and order, sent Dr. William Flood to appoint Justices of the Peace in the principal settlements. Flood departed New Orleans on the sloop "Alligator." In January, 1811, Dr. Flood made a very interesting report in which he said:

"In compliance with your instructions I left New Orleans on the 5th, on the felucca Alligator, and proceeded to the residence of Simeon Favre, on the east bank of Pearl River, and delivered to him your commission as Justice of the Peace, for the Parish of Biloxi, with a copy of the Constitution of the United States, the Civil Code and the acts of the Territorial Legislature. I next landed at Bay St. Louis and the Pass of Christian, displaying the United States flag at each place at 2:00 p.m. At the Pass I presented to Philip Saucier,

your commission as Justice of Biloxi Parish, with copy of the laws, etc. Then proceeded to Bay of Biloxi, where I handed the commission as Justice to Jaque Ladner...."

Judge Favre was said to be a man of education, fortune and high standing. As far back as 1777 he lived on Pearl River (now Pearlington). When Bartram (celebrated naturalist) was in this area, Judge Favre gave him passage on his boat to his home on Pearl River where history tells us he was entertained with "much hospitality."

The Favre family plot is located in Pearlington's cemetery within near proximity to the beautiful Pearl River.

The Sloop "Alligator" was destroyed in a conflict that took place between the American gunboats and the launches of the British fleet. The account of the action follows:

"The enemy captured the sloop Alligator, and cut off the schooner Sea-horse, which had been sent here to remove the public stores; but her gallant captain, seeing that his vessel could not be saved, blew her up, and the stores with her."

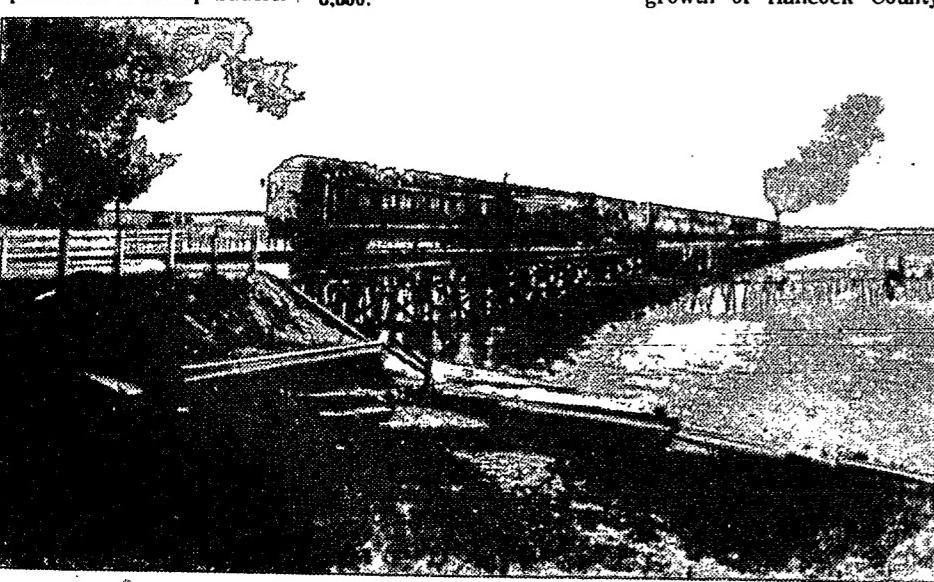
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Coast Electric starts with 50

The first headquarters of Coast Electric was a building on Main Street, rented from A.C. Ennixius to serve 50 members. Today the association serves approximately 17,000 members from its beautiful building and well-landscaped grounds on Highway 90. Membership grew rapidly, from the 50 members served in 1938 the service had grown to 4,800 by the year 1950 and today's membership edges constantly upward! All reflecting the growth of Hancock County.

The purpose of the Center is to provide vocational-technical education and other services to junior and senior high school students, post-secondary students and adult continuing education students. The Center was constructed in 1973 by joint efforts of the people of Hancock County, Pearl River Junior College, and the State Department of Education, Vocational Education Division. The training school is used by citizens of Hancock County and surrounding areas.

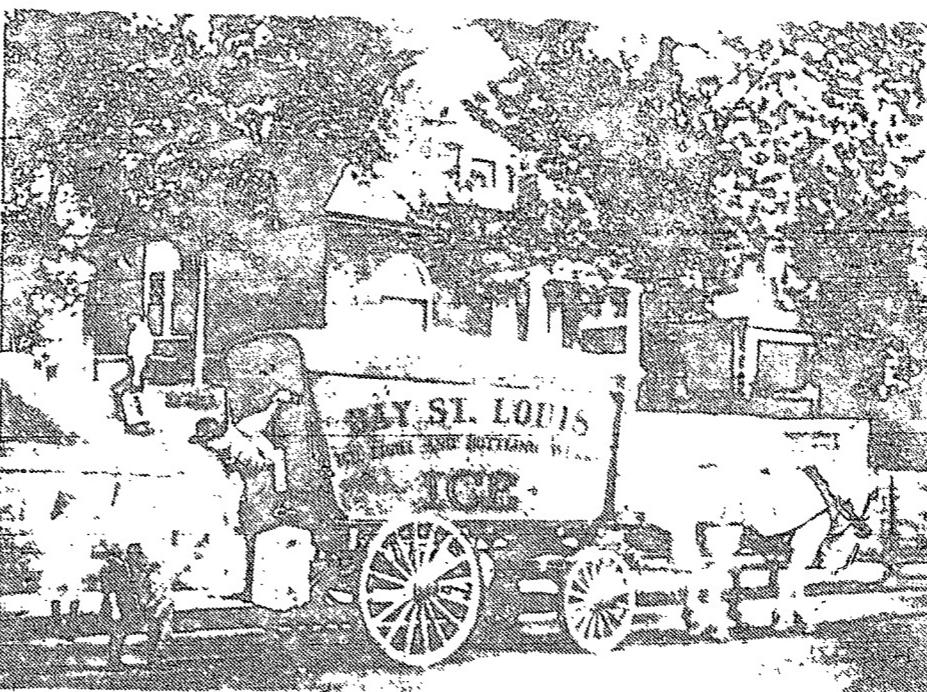
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FAST MAIL NO. 4 crossing the L&N Railroad Bridge in Bay St. Louis, reproduced from a postcard dated Sept. 14, 1942 and addressed to Sgt. Lawrence S. Ellis of 27th Troop Carrier Sqdn., Bowman Field, Kentucky. Attached to the card a one-cent postage stamp with the likeness of the Statue of Liberty - Industry-Agriculture for Defense.

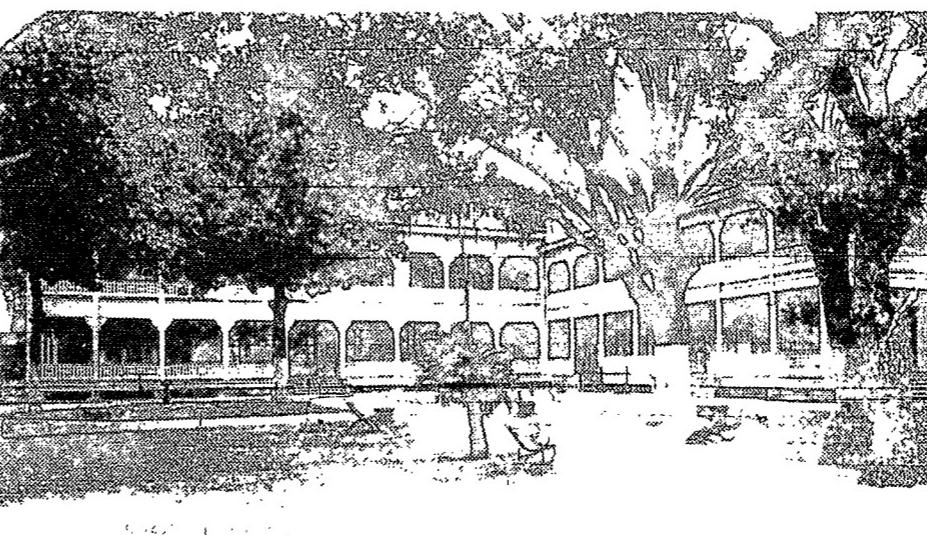
YESTER YEARS L&N RAILROAD DEPOT of Bay St. Louis where citizens turned out with enthusiasm to "meet the trains," farmers' well-trained horses waited quietly without need of tether for the familiar command "Back up and Giddy-up."

Reproduced from a postal card published for L.A. de Montuzin & Sons



IN THE LATE 1800's a horse-drawn cart was used in door-to-door delivery of ice. Housewives complained of melting ice drips on the floor; small children followed the wagon to receive largesse of cooling lumps of sparkling ice. The Ice, Light and Bottling Works was located on Railroad Avenue.

Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Rene de Montuzin, Jr.



REPRODUCED FROM a postal card is this once popular Pickwick Hotel of Bay St. Louis.

Courtesy of Mrs. Albert Buehl, Sr.

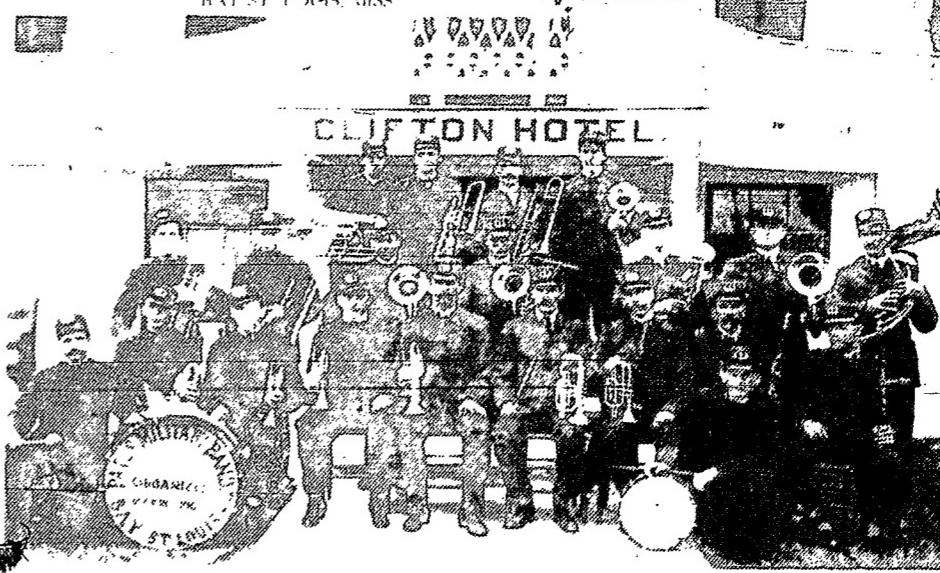
VFW Auxiliary post named for WWI hero

Organized 8 November 1967, Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3253 was named for Theodore S. Price, Negro of World War I born in Biloxi on July 16, 1893, and reared in Bay St. Louis. He was the son of Arthur T. Price, Sr. and Alice S. Gentilucci Price. Killed in action in France on July 18, 1918, he was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Auxiliary is active in supplying help and needs to the Orphans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan and providing care for children of deceased veterans. Buddy Poppy sales are held each year and proceeds from the sale help in the support of the VFW National Home.

Mrs. Lucille Boudreux, president of the organization said: "We promote comradeship among members, assist needy veterans, their widows and children, and organize memorial services for deceased veterans and promote patriotism." All women whose relatives served in foreign wars are urged to join the Auxiliary. Present Officers of the Auxiliary in addition to Mrs. Boudreux are: Ursula Favre, Sr., vice-president; Joyce Bermond, junior vice-president; Helen Biehl, Treasurer; Phyllis Moran, secretary; Zadie Bermond, chaplain; Phyllis Marks, guard; Myra Biehl, Conductress; Thelma Dickson, first Trustee; Angie Morreale, second trustee; and Geraldine Beningo, third trustee.

PATE'S MILITARY BAND, CLIFTON HOTEL, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON - Pate's Military Band, organized May 26, 1907, played at the fashionable Clifton Hotel. Note the ornate railing outlining the balcony of the building. Photo reproduced from a postal card sent when domestic rates were one cent and foreign rates were two cents.

Sawmills in 1850 census

According to a U.S. Census Report made in 1850 the following saw mills were located on the lower part of the Pearl River.

W. J. Poitevent had a mill at Gainesville capitalized at \$7,000 and its capacity was 5,000 feet per day. He used 12 laborers. Monthly payroll was \$300. He cut 1,760,000 feet in 1850 which he valued at \$223,000.

D. R. Wingates mill at Logtown capitalized at \$20,000 had a capacity of 5,000 feet per day. He employed 14 workers and his monthly payroll was \$210. The cost of logs delivered at the mill was \$10.00 Per M. His annual cut was 1,500,000 feet valued at \$150,000.

J. B. Toulme and Walker operated a mill in Hancock County which they capitalized at \$9,000. They estimated their annual production at 1,200,000 feet. Crew was 10 workers. Monthly payroll \$150. Value of the 1,200,000 feet of lumber was \$96,000. No record shows how many employees were slaves and how many were paid salaries.

Hancock County streams

During the hey-day and hum-drug when the Works Progress Administration of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt leadership attempted to find honest work for honest pay, a History of Hancock County was published. The history was compiled by the WPA and in cooperation with the Hancock Chamber of Commerce.

Under the heading WATER-SHEDS, the history relates some interesting information on names given several streams which flow through our county and eventually empty into the Gulf stream.

Pearl River flows into the Mississippi Sound, was said to be so named by Indians who supposedly found pearls in the water.

Wolf River flows across the northeast part of the county for some 20 miles and empties into the Bay of St. Louis. "Wolves roamed these woods in the early days and cattle owners who lived in the vicinity (wolf River) dug pits or wolf traps baited them with beef heads and thus captured many wolves."

Mike River, named for Michael Beck, a pioneer landowner. This stream empties into Pearl River.

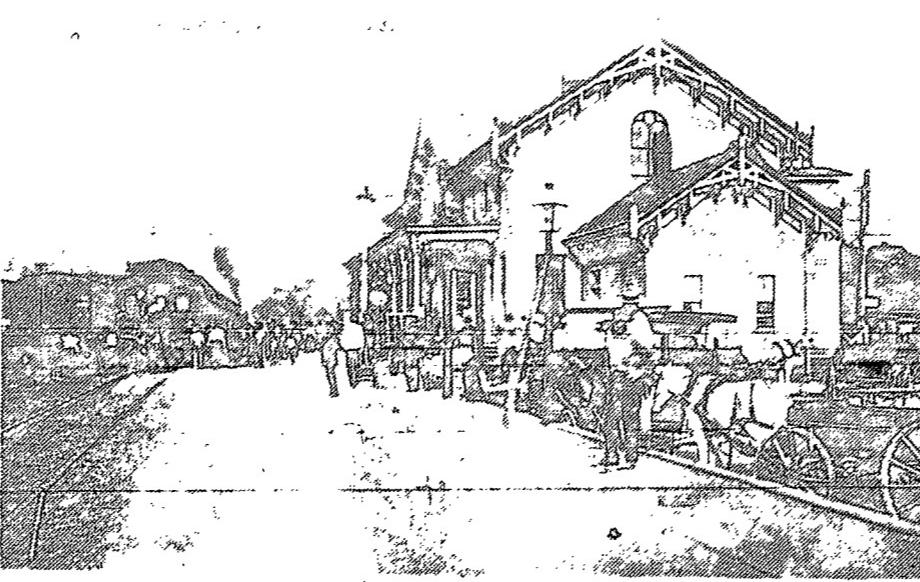
Bayou LaCroix, translated "The Cross" empties into the Jourdan. No record was given as to why the stream was so named.

Rotten Bayou flows south and empties into the Jourdan. The Indian name "Banshawah" means decayed stream. It is reported the stream was tainted with putrid matter and foul-smelling refuse from Indian butchery stations.

Jourdan River, named for early land owners empties into the Bay of St. Louis and is navigable for 24 miles with small boats.



C.C. HART, SR. reared his family in Bay St. Louis. Active in political, educational and Masonic Lodge circles his name frequently appears as Mayor pro tem in Mayor-Aldermen minutes (1882-6). Daughter, Johnnie taught in the public school system as did younger daughter, Florence. Daughter, Lula was married in Bay St. Louis to Joe E. Williams. His granddaughter, Joe W. Pilet is a resident of this city and his great-granddaughter Barbara Allen Bell attended St. Joseph's Academy.



The Little Theatre has established a scholarship fund in memory of one of the original and most dedicated members, Mrs. Keffler. The fund was established in Mrs. Keffler's name to assist students of Theatre Arts.

34 churches serve Hancock County

Joe pliet
Editor's Note

According to records furnished by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, there are 34 churches representing a dozen different faiths scattered throughout Hancock County. The largest number of these churches serve Catholic communicants, of which there are twelve. Nine Baptist Churches are listed, four Methodist and one each in 9 other denominations.

During the Bicentennial year, a request was mailed to each of these churches in an effort to file and/or publish their histories. Responses have made possible historical information on various churches as seen in this Special Heritage Edition.



FRANK EMBRY, former owner of "Misty Oaks" and an active member of Magnolia Chapter No. 35, The Telephone Pioneers of America, dedicated his life to the service of others. Embry joined the Bell System in 1919 and retired in June 1960.

Phone service for only 47 subscribers at turn of century

BY DON PRESLEY
STAFF MANAGER
AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Telephone service came to Bay St. Louis August 18, 1899 and 47 total telephones were initially served by this exchange. One year later the total number of telephones had climbed to 103 and by 1905 to 190. It wasn't until 1910 that the total number of telephones served by the Bay St. Louis exchange passed the 200 mark. By 1915, there were 251 and in 1920, following World War I, the total had climbed to 339.

Growth of the area continued during the twenties and 1925 saw telephones in service grow to 548 and to 626 in 1930. The effect of the depression was evident during the thirties when in 1935 the total telephones served by the Bay St. Louis exchange dropped to 370. By 1940 the total climbed to 530 and in 1945, following World War II, the total was 765.

During the hurricane that struck the Coast September 19, 1947, Bay St. Louis experienced winds reaching maximum velocity of 100 miles per hour. Weather reports showed a rainfall of over 8 inches and tides of 12 feet above normal. Property damage was tremendous with a great deal of damage to telephone facilities, yet ser-

vice was totally restored in just days following this devastating storm by telephone workmen who stayed on the job day and night to restore service. Two operators, Mrs. Victoria S. Becker and Miss Marie L. Strong each received the Vail Medal for their strong sense of devotion and service to their community during the storm. The Vail Medal is the highest award the company bestows for acts and services so outstanding that they deserve recognition more enduring than the spontaneous congratulations of associates, friends and neighbors. Mrs. Becker and Miss Strong arrived for what was a fatal morning at the Bay St. Louis central office, which was located on North Beach over Stevensons Electric and the Sea Coast Echo, and refused to leave their switchboard as the storm worsened. They gave special service to the Red Cross, U.S. Weather Observation Station and the high school where refugees were gathered, until the last line was silenced by the hurricane.

By 1950, the Bay St. Louis exchange served 1,614 total telephones and by 1955 the total exceeded 2,100. In May of 1957, the exchange was converted to dial telephones. The early system was "Manual" better known as a "magneto system." Each home or business that had a telephone set consisted of a hand cranked magneto to ring the operator with dry cell batteries which supplied the voltage to talk on. Prior to this period a wet battery, similar to an automobile battery, was used.

"Central" answered you with "number please." You told her the number you wanted her to connect and ring for you.

Later, the hand cranked magneto was replaced with a central ringing system, or common battery system, and in 1957 the office was converted to dial. HOME STEAD 7-(HO 7-) was the prefix with the advent of Direct Distance Dialing and area codes, it was 467.

The sixties saw the growth of the area and the demand for service continuing and in 1960 telephones totaled 3,249 and in 1965 - 4,958.

Hurricane Camille in August 1969, did extensive damage to the Coastal area, costing millions of dollars to restore service. Again the job was done in amazing short time.

In 1970, the total telephones climbed to 6,296 and in 1975, it had grown to 7,893 in the Bay St. Louis exchange area.

Through last year the Bay St. Louis exchange served 8,408 telephones.

Late in 1977 the 467 office will convert to the very latest Electronic Switching System (ESS), a new solid-state ultrahigh speed means of switching telephone calls that's so remarkable it almost thinks for itself. It makes a whole new kind of telephone service possible. When you dial a number, electromechanical switches at your central office respond to connect you to the

line you want. The new system does much of this electronically and faster with a minimum of maintenance, using only a fraction of the power and space needed for the electromechanical gear. Because the ESS is a stored program control system, it can also be instructed to let a customer transfer calls, bring a third party into the conversation, be given a signal while he's talking that someone else is trying to call, or even dial a frequently used number with only two digits. The Touch-Tone telephone is another optional service that will be available with this new ESS central office.

A variety of other services are also available:

Television programs, teletypewriting, drawings, photographs, computer data and diagrams are all sent over the network.

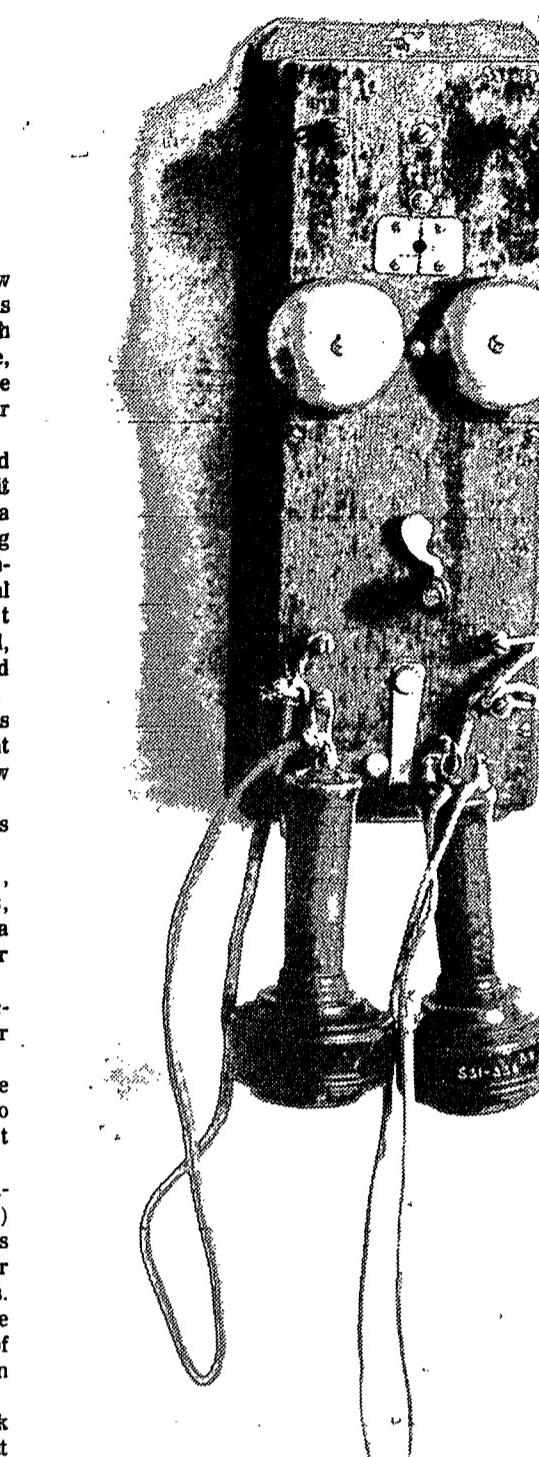
Doctors can read electrocardiograms sent over their telephone lines.

Businessmen can use the new Transaction Telephone to verify checks and credit cards.

Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) is designed for business customers who make or receive large volumes of calls.

Design Line telephones give customers a wide range of styles, shapes and colors in instruments.

The Bell telephone network has been called "the most complicated system ever built by man" and it isn't finished yet.



THE EARLY PHONES HUNG on the wall, the crank was used to signal the operator. Talk through one transmitter-receiver and listen through the other. By the turn of the century the crank was on one side, the receiver hook on the other and the mouth-piece centered beneath the bells.

Photo courtesy South-Central Bell

Volunteers serving HC RSVP needs

BY THERESA JAMES,
DIRECTOR RETIRED
SENIOR VOLUNTEERS
The Retired Senior Volunteer Program began operating on April 1, 1976 through a grant from the Federal Government. The United Way of Hancock County was named the Grantee.

Mrs. Mildred W. Fisher was the Director, Mrs. Theresa D. James, the Assistant Director and Joe Louis Jushaway, the driver of the station wagon.

The purpose of RSVP is to seek out retirees over 60 and offer them a chance to volunteer their services to the community. Because so many people have so much to offer because of their many years' experience, they can still be made to feel they are needed, even if they can only serve a few hours a month.

The enrollment is now 155 volunteers who serve approximately 4500 hours per month at 22 "stations" throughout Hancock County.

The Director now is Mrs. Theresa D. James, the assistant Director is Mrs. Carolyn Newkirk and the driver is Charles Johnson.

Carroll originally owned by J subdivided years ago.



BY 1937 CENTRAL LOOKED like this, however because of the Great Depression Bay St. Louis had only 370 phones in service, a drop from the 626 in use during 1930!

Photo courtesy of South-Central Bell

Macedonia organized '63

Macedonia Baptist Church was organized August 25, 1963, in Hancock County. The first minister was the Reverend Lee Morris. The deacons were Brother John Morgan and Brother Steve Summers. Sister E. M. Hudnall was the original secretary with Brother Steve Summers serving as treasurer.

The church started with eighteen members and has grown to its present 33 members.

Macedonia Baptist is a member of the Shiloh Association. Present officers of the Church in Hancock County are the Reverend Lee Morris, Pastor; Sister Pauline Jackson, secretary; and Sister Odeal Morris, treasurer.



SO - HE CAUGHT ONLY ONE! This happy youngster is none other than our Bay St. Louis Attorney, Robert Gent. In 1947 Robert caught a fish in Jourdan River where I-10 now crosses the Jourdan.

Photo submitted by Mrs. Janet Carr



CENTRAL WAS A bustle-clad lady in a straight hard chair. She leaned forward to speak into a box-like transmitter.

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ELI S. LADNER, born in Hancock County in 1893 is shown in the Uniform he wore during World War I. Ladner's picture was made by the old Bay Photo Studio during 1917 soon after he enlisted. He died in 1954 and is the father of Mrs. J. D. McCullough of Highland Drive. Other children include Cecil Ladner, Odie J. Ladner, Mrs. Gola Mae Cain, and J. T. Ladner.

Sr. Citizens get V.I.P. treatment

The Senior Citizens Program started in Hancock County in February of 1972 with the employment of Mrs. Eva McDonald as County Coordinator. Headquarters for activities are in the Valena C. Jones Building, 301 Old Spanish Trail in Bay St. Louis. A report on projects from that organization includes response to recreational needs. Mrs. Dena Curvey, first as a volunteer and later a part-time paid employee, organized programs. Volunteers furnished refreshments and talent. Almost 100 persons attended the first party. Don Mauffray was hired as the first full time county recreation director, a position Jimmy Ray Hoda currently holds.

Mrs. Lucile Feeney was first person hired to start Meals-on-Wheels program for the county. Volunteers delivered 50 meals a day to needy homebound elderly. The program evolved into a congregate meal program which serves 50 hot meals a day in the Valena C. Jones Building.

A mini-bus was obtained to give needed transportation to elderly. Horatio Favre was the first driver. The bus



Carroll Avenue was originally a cotton plantation owned by John Carroll. It was subdivided approximately 55 years ago.

ARNETTE GILES, active in teaching Mentally Retarded of Hancock County was "mother" to 40 foster children during her life of service.



THE WISNER'S entertained friends with a "Japanese Party" upon their return from a vacation spent in the Orient in 1925. Costume parties were very fashionable in those days. Photo courtesy of Alice Pitcairn.

Headmaster tells history of Christ Episcopal Day School

REV. CHARLES JOHNSON

Christ Episcopal Day School was opened in the Parish House of Christ Episcopal Church in February, 1950, with 17 Kindergarten students using Sunday School equipment. In September, 1950, part of the second story of the Masonic Temple Building was rented to temporarily house the Kindergarten and First Grade. In July, 1951, the Church purchases a 7½ acre estate on the Gulf of Mexico, and the carriage house was renovated to house the School.

The school operated simply with a low tuition, and was to give the best it could in the way of Christian training and education.

Since 1951, the School has grown - and there have been many physical changes through the years. At the present time we have two campuses: One at 912 South Beach, Bay St. Louis, for Preschool through Grad Six; and the other a 35-acre tract on Espy Avenue, Pass Christian, where we have a spacious new building for Grades Seven through Twelve, plus space for a football field, baseball diamond, and tennis courts, as well as a swimming pool and a combination gymnasium-auditorium.

The purpose of Christ Episcopal Day School and the Coast Episcopal High School is to instill in the young mind and body a sound education coupled with a strong moral sense.

Our founding fathers drew the blueprint for this country from the ideals and spiritual qualities instilled in them by School and Church. Today, in our commendable zeal to separate Church and State, the public school system rigorously excludes God from the classroom. As a result, the public school must perform neglect those sound moral and

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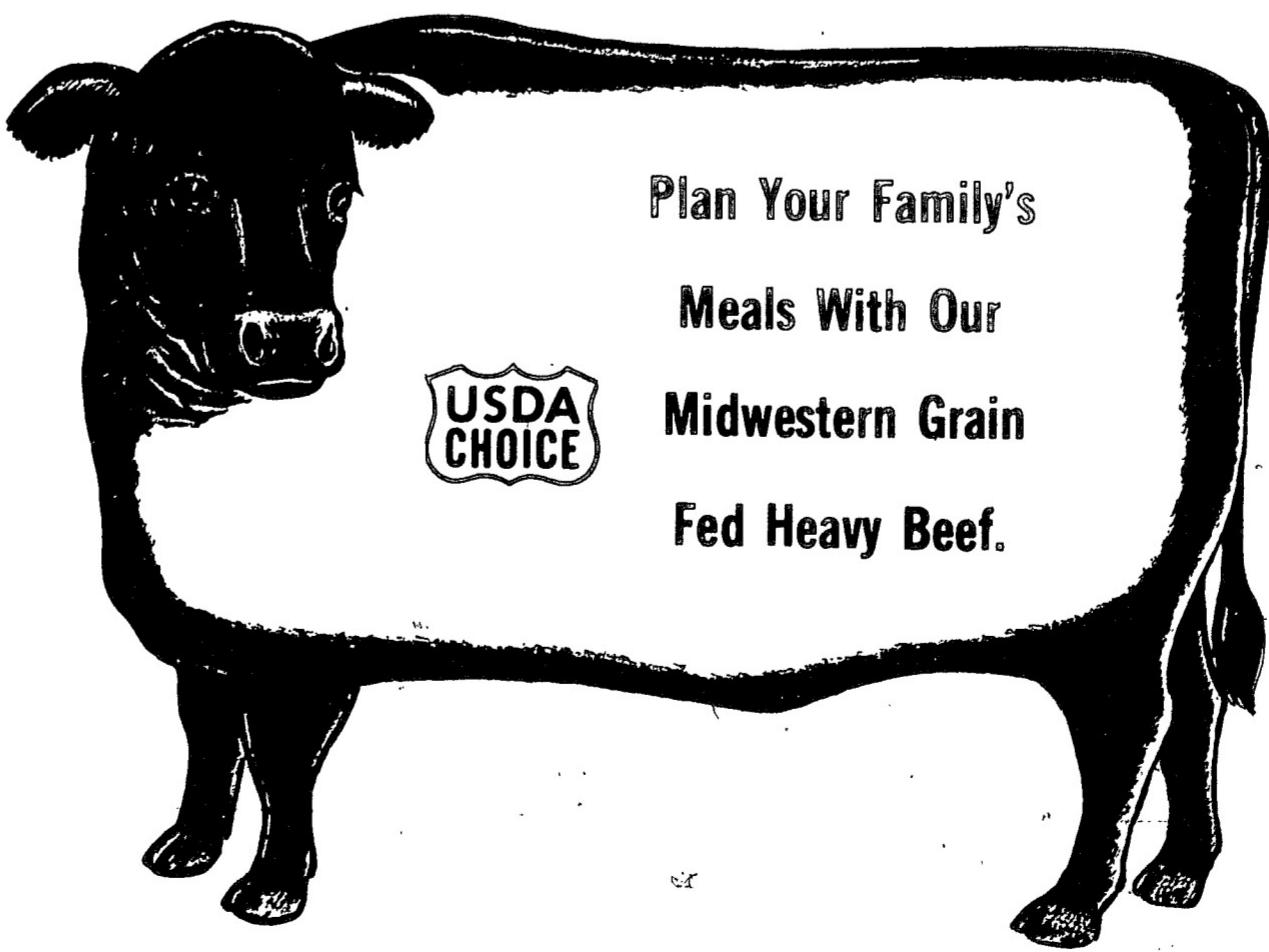
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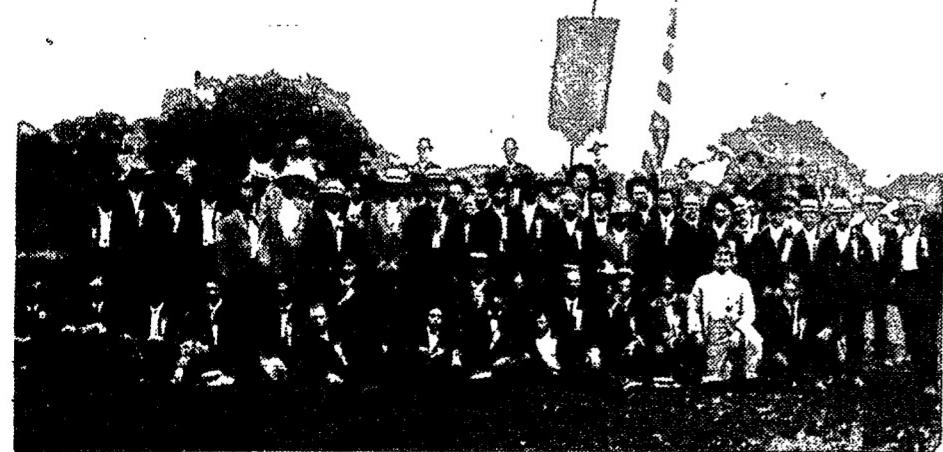
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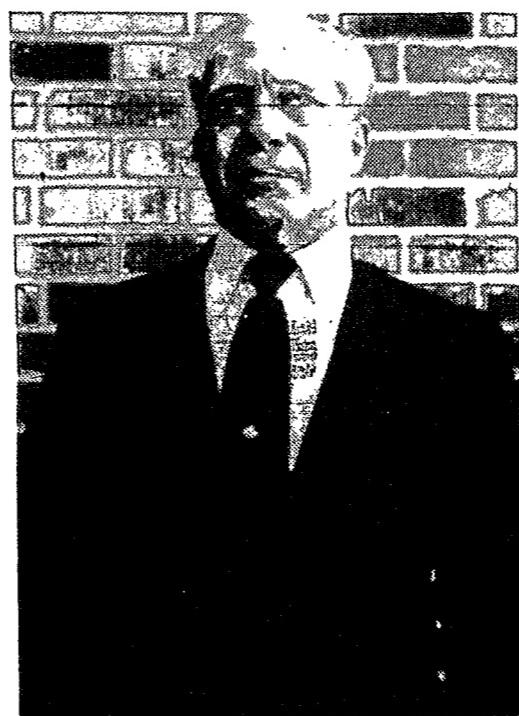
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD CEDAR GROVE CAMP, Bay St. Louis - On June 24 at 6 p.m. in Bay St. Louis a card was posted to Miss Annie Croninrich of Pass Christian. A message signed "Antoinette" announced: "We arrived home at 6:30 p.m. The boat was late. Our boat was waiting for us and was more than glad to see us." Woodmen of the World, a fraternal life insurance company was founded in Denver in 1890. Local branches gave protection to many families.

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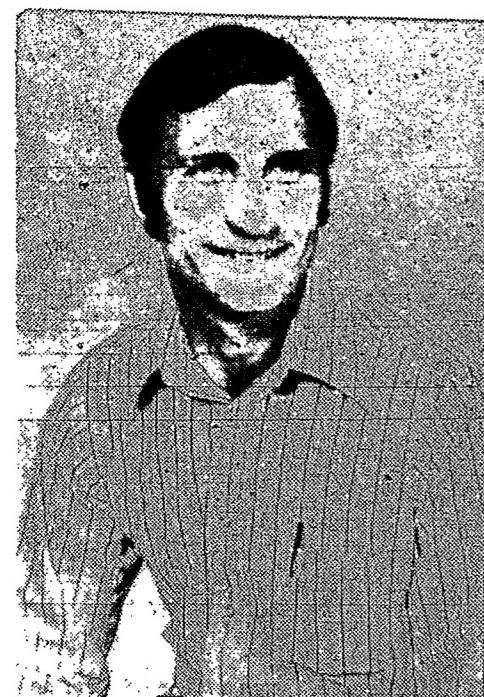
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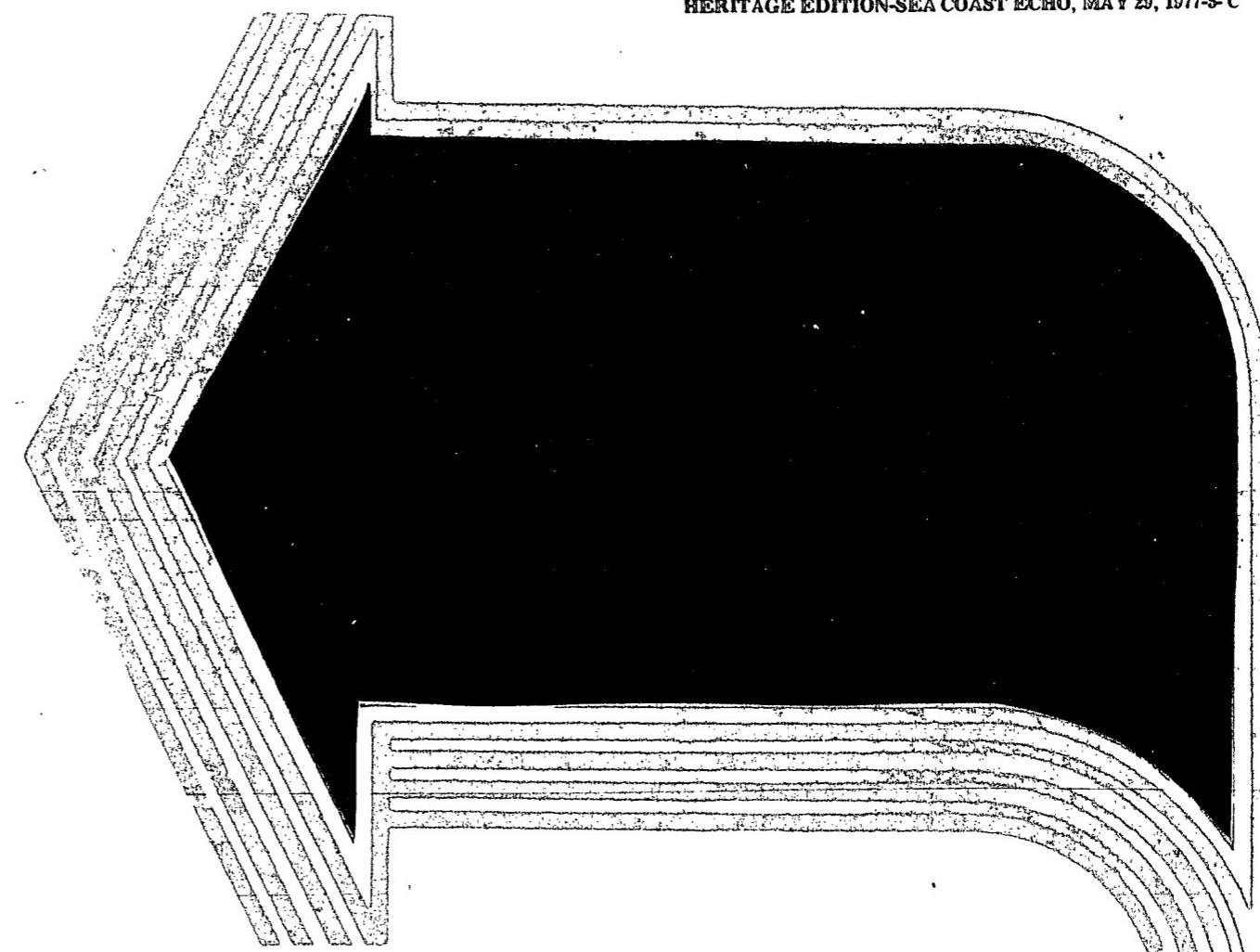
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ENGAGEMENT PICTURE taken in 1908 and showing Valda Boyd of Dresden, Tennessee and Dr. James A. Evans of Bay St. Louis. Dr. Evans practiced dentistry in Bay St. Louis for 55 years prior to his death in 1961.

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DR. AND MRS. JAMES A. EVANS WERE HONORED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1958 at a reception given by their children on their 50th wedding anniversary. Guests gathered at their home located at 604 North Beach Boulevard.

Photo courtesy of Alice Pitcairn



MRS. JAMES A. EVANS with her young guest, Effie G. Powers, now Effie McCulloch of North Beach.

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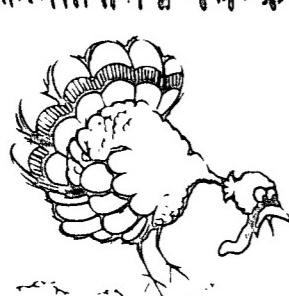
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In 1804, because of dissatisfaction over creeds and rituals in the established churches, Reverend Richard G. Spurling, an ordained minister of a Baptist church in Tennessee, began to renew his study of the scriptures and church history.

A new church was formed in 1888 with eight members. It was called the Christian Union. However, the name was changed in 1902 to The Holiness Church, and again in 1907 to Church of God.

There are three Church of God colleges in the United States and many Bible schools abroad. They also sponsor a children's home as well as missions in 63 countries, a ministry to the Military, and radio and television programs.

The Church of God in Bay St. Louis is a mission work, with no record of the first pastor or when the church was started. The present minister, Reverend Charles H. Hand, has been pastor since January 1976. There are twelve members at this time.

At present, the Bay St. Louis Church of God is entering into a remodeling program, with plans for a new building and additions to the existing building for a much needed day care center. They also hope to begin a Christian school by the fall of 1977.

As a community service, this church sponsors Tel-A-Thought. Dial 467-4385 for a daily spiritual thought for the day.

Members of the Church of God work to help overcome drug addiction as well as many other problems of society today.

Oyster shuckers are paid in 1977 by the gallon with \$3 to \$3.50 per gallon being the going rate. Regular workers are expected to yield 10 gallons a day with \$35.00 per day the take-home pay.

Charles G. Moreau for many years newspaper publisher and untiring in his efforts to assist in the development of Hancock County died before seeing a copy of his Golden Jubilee Edition of the SEA COAST ECHO.

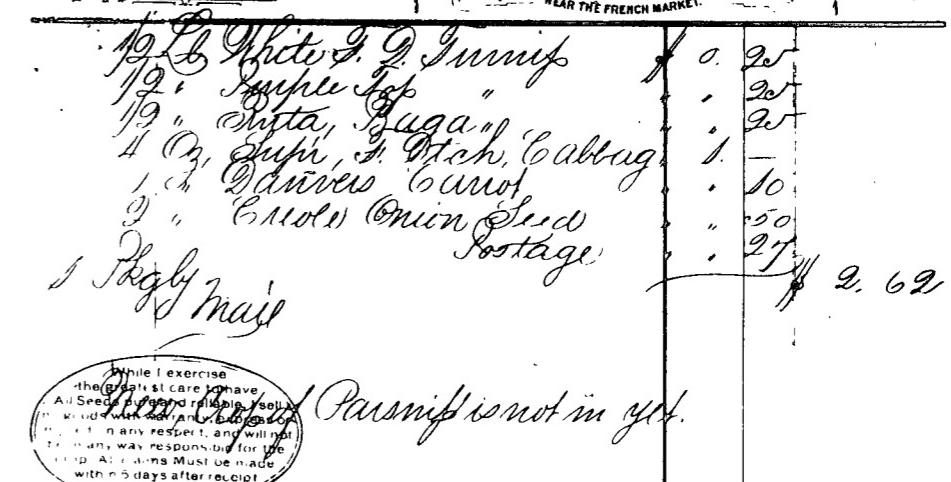
A. J. Carver, sheriff of Hancock County in 1910 was paid in January of that year the sum of \$32 for December "virtualizing" of prisoners.

An historical marker depicting the history of St. Stanislaus College was dedicated in late October 1969.

Participating in the dedication were Warren Carver, mayor of Bay St. Louis, Brother Lee Barker, S.C., principal of St. Stanislaus High School, Brother Pierre St. Pierre, S.C., president of the college.



MEN SPORTING FEDORAS AND GALLUSES and ladies with aprons and bonnets lined up in the spring wagon and on the loading platform of C. C. Hart, Sr.'s barn the day those radishes were harvested. An old Bill dated August 7, 1885 indicates R. Frotscher, dealer in Flower, Field & Garden Seeds, Nos. 15 & 17 Du Maine Street near the French Market in New Orleans supplied Hart of Bay St. Louis with \$2.62 worth of seeds including both white and purple turnips, rutabaga, cabbage, carrots and Creole Onion Seeds. Total order weighed twelve pounds and postage cost was 27 cents. Elbows akimbo, Hart stands on the ground in front of platform. Only the small hound-dawg refuses to face the camera.



THIS EYE-SORE once known as "Jackson Ridge" has since been converted into the beautiful Buccaneer State Park.



BUCCANNER STATE PARK of Waveland was once a dumping ground called Jackson Ridge. Photo-Courtesy Ken Jones.

Junior Auxiliary meets community needs

The Bay-Waveland Chapter of the Junior Auxiliary, Inc., organized in 1966, joined the National Association in 1969 with the primary purpose to serve the several needs of the community.

First officers were Mrs. Bobbye Maggio, president; Mrs. Margaret Hadden, vice-president; Mrs. Sue Hensley, secretary; and Mrs. Vivian LaCoste, treasurer.

Mrs. Vivian Rosetti is now serving as president of the Jr. Auxiliary. Past presidents include in addition to Mrs. Maggio, Sue Hensley, Ingard Hehmann, Eleanor Hill, Nell Frisbie, Lila Jean Dearing, Paddy Johnson, Ginny Gex and Paula Woodfin.

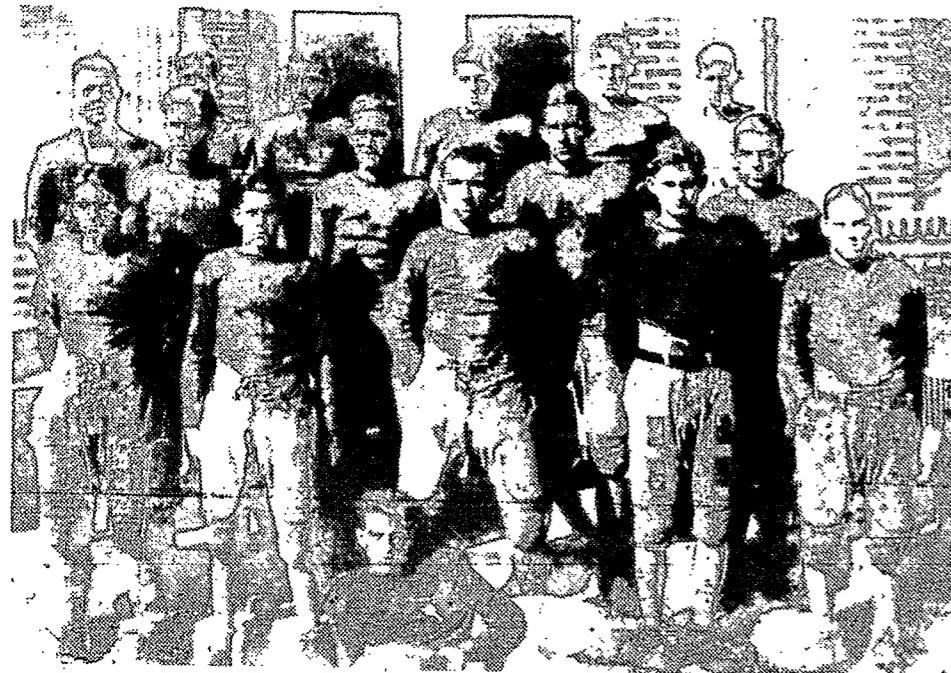
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GRID CATS of the 1930's who won the Class B Gulf Coast football championship in 1933 and again in 1930.

Photo courtesy of Nolan Ladner

Buffer zone forces merger of churches

In the early 1960's, when NASA acquired the property for a huge space program in Hancock County, many families were uprooted and dispersed. Quite a few of these families were relocated in Pearlington, Mississippi. One result was the merger of the Logtown Baptist Church, Napoleon Baptist Church, and the Pearlington Baptist Mission which had been sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, Mississippi.

On September 29, 1963, one hundred twenty-six members from the two churches and the mission met together for the purpose of organizing a new church. This meeting was under the leadership of the Reverend Mr. O. B. Anderson, Superintendent of Missions of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association. The new church was constituted and was named First Southern Baptist Church.

The Reverend Bob Scurlock was the first pastor. The original council members and building committee members were: C. W. McCarty, Earl

Breland, Alfred Hougen, Larry Landrum, T. P. Ward and Ray Smith. The three deacons, Ray Smith, T. P. Ward and Ora Holden, had been active deacons in the former churches.

A new building was constructed adjacent to the Pearlington one room mission in Pearlington, Mississippi. The church is using that same building at present. The congregation moved into the new church building in the spring of 1964. A new pastorum had been purchased in November 1963.

The ministers who have served the church since its beginning are: Rev. Bob Scurlock, Rev. Thomas Hires, Rev. John Wardle, Rev. Harold Voice, and Rev. Bob May. The Reverend J. L. Rasperry is the present pastor.

This church has a full time program with Sunday School, Church Training, a W.M.U. Organization, R. A. and G. A. Organizations for the young people, and a bus ministry.



IN MEMORY OF BEA GEORGI, for many years a well-known and well-loved resident of Waveland.

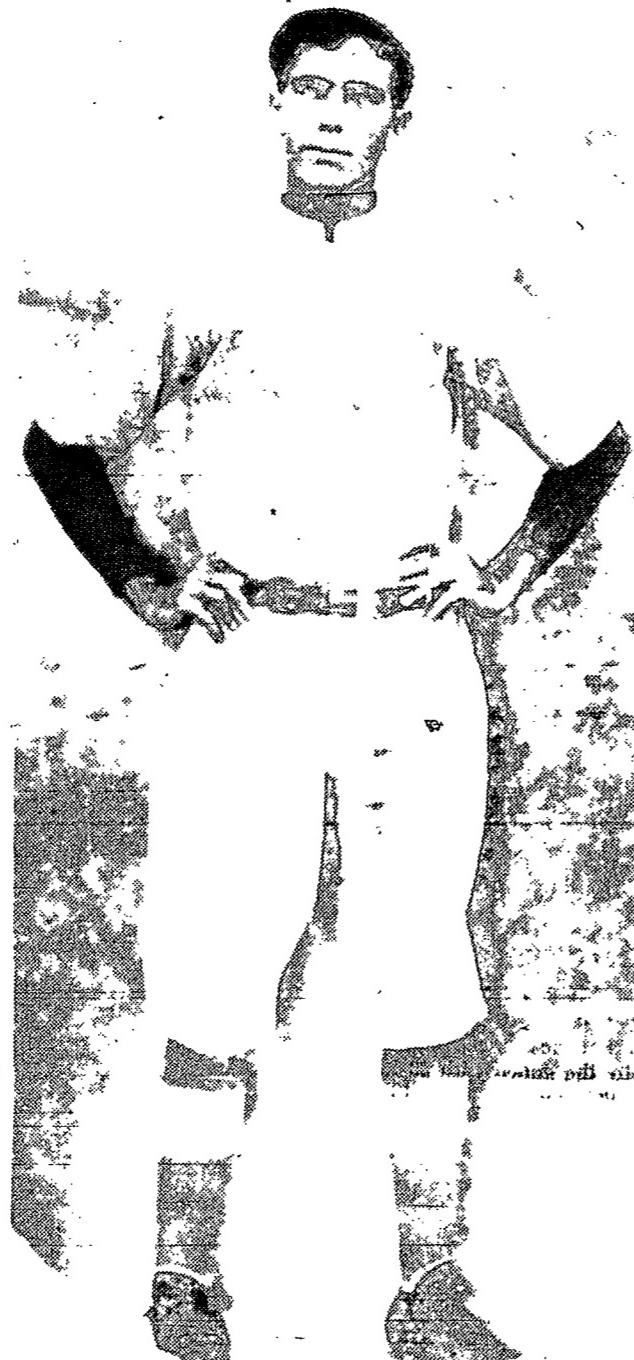
IN MEMORY OF HARDIN SHATTUCK Bay St. Louis Civic and Church leader and Coast Electric official.

Bragg sheet of 1915

Back in 1915 when I. F. Bandier was Bay St. Louis city marshall, F. H. Egloff was tax collector and L. B. Capdepon was mayor, these men and other municipal officers got together and came up with the following list of pluses. The list was printed as an advertisement in support of a Catalog of the City Schools of Bay St. Louis. We are indebted to Gail Thanes for permission to re-print:

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5. Domicile of Imperial Naval Stores Co.
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19. Two up to date pictoriums.
20. Modern city hall and artistic city park and fountains.
21. Largest and best equipped auditorium.
22. Three modern garages.
23. Finest courthouse in South Mississippi.
24. Best fishing grounds in the world.
25. Enthusiastic baseball fans.
26. Wholesale grocery and two large wholesale grain houses.
27. Center of large and growing trucking industry.



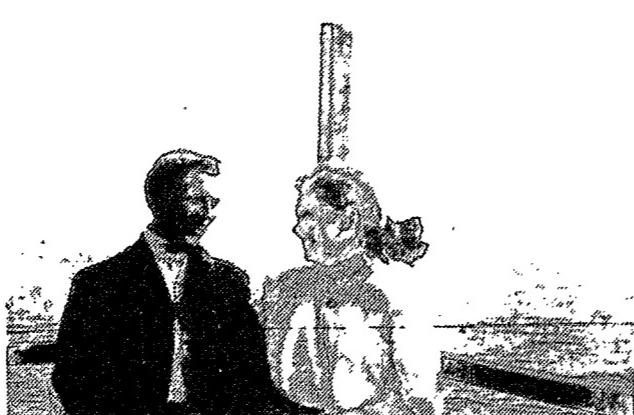
FOREST LUKE wears uniform of Peerless Stars, a baseball team sponsored by the old Peerless Seafood Company.

Photo courtesy of daughter, Juanita Stechmann



MRS. W. L. BOURGEOIS in 1928 was awarded Bay Rotary loving cup for unselfish work in interest of humanity. An Eastern star, Red Cross member, also assisted in work of Kings Daughters and Ladies Woodmen Circle.

Photo courtesy of Gail Thanes.



IN THE SUMMER of 1907 Valda Boyd met Dr. James Alexander Evans, the young man she later married.

Photo courtesy of Alice Pitcairn

Juanita Stechmann recalls father's role in baseball

The 4th of July was the big day at Stanislaus Stadium, also every Sunday. Hundreds of people started out early to get their favorite seat and stayed all day. The old ball park now has a concrete fence. In the days of baseball, it had a wooden fence with all kinds of signs painted on it. It was used for advertising. The old oak tree now stands that has many memories of the round tables and benches built around it, where the Ladies Circle of the Woodmen of the World cooked and served many good things to eat, consisting of boiled hams,

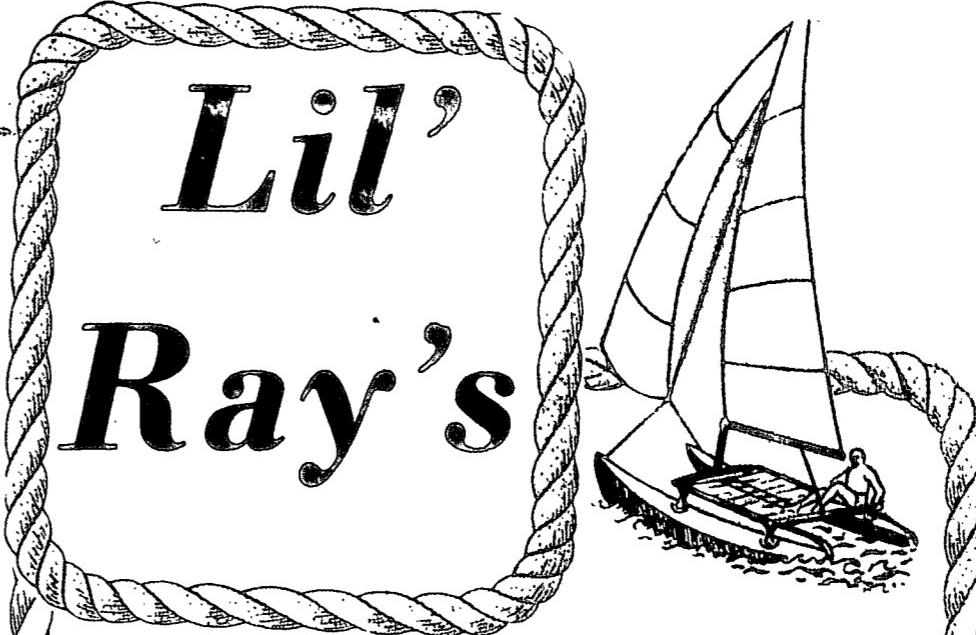
coffee, sandwiches of all kinds. Iced down pop in tubs which the boys carried around in wire baskets. The entrance to the Park was on Booker Street. Needless to say, the people never complained about the heat.

Iron Man Forest, was the father of Leroy, Foster and Eleana Luke, Mrs. Juanita Ward Stechmann and the late Edith Luke Con and F. J. Luke, of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and Mrs. Elsie Luke Jones of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Forest had 3 balls and then 3 strikes. Once his manager, Mr. George Toca got so excited when he pitched 3 balls

to a batter, Mr. Toca threw his straw hat to the ground and stomped it, then Forest pitched 3 strikes.

Forest had one brother that played ball. He was a great catcher but Iron Man broke his brother Vic's ten fingers.



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Architectural influences

BY FRED WAGNER
Architect, A.I.A.

As a community or a region grows and changes, many of the physical aspects of life disappear or are hidden away. The buildings we build and those our ancestors built before us, however, give excellent reflection of their time. Hancock County and its more heavily populated areas along the beach front are rich in a heritage of buildings which reflect an unpretentious culture from the pre-territorial period to the present day.

Although some of our finest architectural legacies have been lost to hurricanes, fire or neglect there are many which still stand to give us clues to past cultural and aesthetic resources. If we think of "architecture" as the opulent mansions of Natchez and Columbus, then we will be disappointed in structures we find in this community. But if simple buildings which are an honest reflection of needs, climate, financial resources and an unsophisticated life style, can be called "architecture" then there is much to see and to enjoy. As a professional architect I find a great deal to admire and to absorb not only from buildings but also from boats, bridges, cemeteries and other hand-crafted reflections of the man-made environment.

The American Bicentennial celebration and other post Viet-Nam War influences have made Americans more nostalgic and interested in their past. All across the country there has been a growing interest in historic preservation and Mississippi is no exception. Natchez has long been viewed as an outstanding example of private preservation of historic architectural resources. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History has recently completed the preservation of the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and the first phase of a systematic restoration of Historic Jefferson College - the birthplace of Mississippi statehood. These projects have been considered among the finest public examples of their kind in the country.

It is unfortunate that most of us become so accustomed to our immediate physical environment that we are not aware of the abundance of architectural treasures which surround us. Each different period of our history has produced strong architectural styles and details which are characteristic of their own time. They reflect the most up-to-date planning, craftsmanship and aesthetic reflection of their owners and builders and commensurate with funds available. Some specific examples have been chosen by the writer as being good examples of that time.

In most cases the examples have been chosen not because of their present condition but because they show the original proportions, scale, and detail of the original builders. Other fine old buildings exist but in many cases they have been altered or "modernized" beyond recognition. Most selections are private residences and are not open to the general public but much of their charm is quite visible from the public street. Where dates of construction are known they are given by year, but where not known the approximate date is the writer's guess based on the style.

Location of the oldest example shows that water transportation was the only practical connection with the outside world (New Orleans and Mobile) until well after the Civil War. The railroad came across the coast in 1863 and changed the growth pattern of the community and allowed the summer resort development which was so important up until World War II and the advent of air conditioning.

1. 902 North Beach - McComiskey-Cowan House, popularly known as "Elmwood". This beach front home is without a doubt the most important example of historic architecture in Hancock County. It is probably the only structure of national

significance standing in our community. This house is reputed to date from 1803 and that date is probable. The structure is basically Federal in style but with a strong influence of the Caribbean reflected in its galleries. Originally the rear of the house had an open gallery matching the front. The rear one story wing is an unfortunate 20th Century addition. The excellent brickwork, the fine joinery, the steep roof, and the inordinately handsome dormers all testify to sensitive design and the most careful selection of materials and workmanship. Fine hardware and delicate moulded plaster cornices and mantels all speak of one of the finest and most sophisticated structures ever built here. The original roof was wood shingle and the brick left unpainted until the 20th Century.

2. 618 North Beach - Breath House - An unusual house reflecting changing taste over a fifty year period. The original central portion of the structure now almost completely concealed probably dates from the 1830s and was very plain and modest. The octagonal corner porch, the decorative shingled pediment and the very fine Victorian scroll work at the pedimental base all reflect various additions in the Queen Ann, Stick and Victorian style to embellish an earlier colonial box house.

3. 600 North Beach - Mauffray House - Built in the middle 1830s this house is in the French Provincial revival style and has excellent proportions and very fine detail for a depression period building. All of the exterior detail is original except the one story solarium on the north side.

4. 502 North Beach - Winward House - This house is a perfect example of high Queen Anne style of about 1895. The projections, details, variety of spaces and textures all reflect the flamboyance of the period. The house today looks much as it did in a photograph in the September 5, 1960 edition of the Sea Coast Echo. It was probably painted in shades of tan, mustard and brown so popular at that time. The original roof was wood shingles.

5. 224 North Beach - Gex House - This house probably dates from the 1840s and is basically Greek Revival as indicated by the capitals on the front porch columns and general proportion and details of window and door trim. Dormers are a much later addition and not in the style of the original. Victorian trim at the eave line is also later. The iron fence at the sidewalk is quite handsome and one of the few remaining from its period.

6. 208 North Beach - de Montluzin House - Built in 1900 this large but chaste house reflects a sentimentality for the Greek Revival in the columns and well proportioned cornice, but dated itself with the double pitched roof, shingled gables and turned porch balusters. Proportions of the house are excellent.

7. 100 South Beach - Hancock Bank - Built in 1901 as the Bank's first permanent office it reflects the then popular Beaux-Arts Classic style with details selected from several periods including the arched entrance and the stucco cornice. Exterior detailing is not very refined but original interior marble detailing (now removed) was quite sophisticated. The exterior of the structure appears almost exactly as it did when built except for the metal canopy and glass entrance doors.

8. 205 South Beach - Merchants Bank - This commercial structure completed in 1900 is an excellent example of High Victorian Italianate which was popular several decades before its construction. The proportion and detail are excellent and the original building was probably painted in rusts and browns. The pink granite column at the entrance corner is a classic Italianate detail.

9. 230 South Beach - Our Lady of the Gulf Church - An earlier excellent Gothic Revival church building on this same site was lost to fire in 1908. Its replacement is an

interesting combination of Romanesque Revival and Neo-Classical. The round arch windows, towers and semicircular apse all typify Romanesque influences but the front portico and most of the interior detail is solidly Neo-Classical. This combination of styles is typical of the first decade of this century.

10. 414 South Beach - Swoop House - This house in an excellent example of early Greek Revival and probably dates from the 1840s. The property has been in the same family for over 80 years and looks now almost exactly as it did in the 1895 "Along the Gulf." The gallery originally was open on all 4 sides of the main house. The kitchen and dining room in a separate wing was typical of many ante-bellum homes. The iron railing, dormer decorations and kitchen ornament is probably from the 1800s.

11. 418 South Beach - Otis Green House - This house is believed to have been designed for an Exposition in New Orleans in the 1890s (as an example of the most modern home design ideas) and then moved to this site after the close of the display. This seems probable as the variety of details, textures and proportions is typical of the Victorian style and well suited to narrow New Orleans lots. The cast iron Corinthian capitals on the porch columns are a very fine detail.

12. 706 South Beach - Akers House - This simple two story pink cottage, popularly known as the "Spanish Custom House," is probably the oldest building in Bay St. Louis. A date of 1787 is inscribed in the brickwork and it is very likely the date of construction. The building is solid brick with a stucco finish and the gallery originally encompassed all four sides on both levels. The plan arrangement, proportion and detail all combine to date this delightful house from the Spanish period before any influences from England or the new United States had an effect on popular taste.

13. 806 South Beach - Baxter House - The detail of porch, columns and cornice on this house are refined Greek Revival of the late 1850s but are very probably a modernization from that period of an earlier house with simpler details. Dormer and bay windows are twentieth century additions. A photograph of this house named "Nellie's Villa" appears in "Along the Gulf."

14. 912 South Beach - Christ Episcopal Church - This modern church erected in 1972 takes it places as an honest reflection of the taste and design ideas of its time. It seems to be very much at home on the beach front without imitating any past architectural details. Good setting, proportion and detail make this an important part of our architectural tradition.

15. 920 South Beach - Brignac House - Although not easily identified as to a specific style this fine beach house is the only building in the county which shows the specific influence of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School. The broad open galleries and very large overhangs together with the intense, rhythmic detail of the balusters and railings all date this house from the pre-World War I period. Sun room windows are a later addition.

16. The house behind 984 South Beach and 986 South Beach - Tradition has it that at one time these two structures were one house known as the Jewish Federation Home which was divided in the 1940s as a settlement of an estate. Visualizing the two parts joined presents a unique Victorian grand house of the turn of the century. The octagonal corner porches, the V shaped dormers and the east porte-cachere are inventive and imaginative details from that period.

17. 202 St. Charles Street - This gray house with white trim is an excellent example of a more modest shotgun house from the late Greek Revival with early Victorian

influence. It dates from early 1860 and has good proportions and good simple trim. The color is typical of its period though the green tones are not quite true to the original.

18. 242 St. Charles Street - A very nicely restored early Victorian with good color selection, probably the original slate roof and an excellent Paladian window in the high gable. The shutters are not original, but are in keeping with the style.

19. 241 Ballentine Street -

This old cottage though in poor condition has very good proportions and unusually fine turned wood columns. It probably dates from 1860 and is one of only a few from that period. The iron fence is probably not original to the property but is appropriate to the period of the design. The extensive tree shading adds to the charm of the setting.

20. 231, 229, 227 and 225 Ballentine Street - These four simple cottages are probably the smallest and most modest structures in the community from the ante-bellum period.

The one at 225 is most nearly original and shows a sensitivity to proportion and skillful workmanship in even the most humble of dwellings. All four probably looked exactly alike when built.

21. 107 Citizen (Sanger) Blaize House - This charming house in the quintessence of the Queen Anne style and probably dates from 1885-1890.

It is in a remarkably good state of preservation and with very little modification. The octagonal rooms, round headed windows and shutters, the slate roof and the typical detail on the beach-side porch, all add up to an excellent example.

22. 111 Citizen - Gibbons House - This unpretentious cottage is an excellent example of various influences from different periods, blended well together and all being quite well preserved.

The original house appears to be very simple Greek Revival

but the paired front porch columns and the wood arches were probably installed at the turn of the century. Several other houses in the same vicinity have used the same wood arches (reportedly salvaged from a building demolished at St. Stanislaus) but none so well done as this house.

23. 115 Citizen Street - Old Rudolph Place - This almost primitive little house is probably from the 1850 to 1860 period and was originally three rooms wide and one room deep - one of very few houses left of what was probably once a common floor plan.

24. 119 Washington Street - McDonald House - This house dates from around 1910 and is the only good example of what was very popularly and nationally known as the Shingle Style. The angles, projections, the textured shingles, the barge rafter ends all are excellent examples of this style. The stone work through not native to this part of the country is nevertheless characteristic of this design.

25. 209 Block South Second Street - Bay Saint Louis City Hall - built in 1905 from designs by the eminent New Orleans firm of Diboll and Owens, Ltd. The drawing on this page is a reproduction of the front elevation from the original blue prints of this building in the writer's collection. The style is early Neo-Classical and the classic portico and leaded glass entrance transom are excellent examples of the period.

26. Railroad at Second Street - The three houses side by side on the north side of the railroad tracks and east of Second Street are little noticed but very interesting structures. They were built in the 1890s by Eugene Ray a "free man of color." They are Queen Anne style - not very distinguished but almost unchanged from a picture in the 1895 "Along the Gulf." Porch screening on the second and

third houses are distracting.

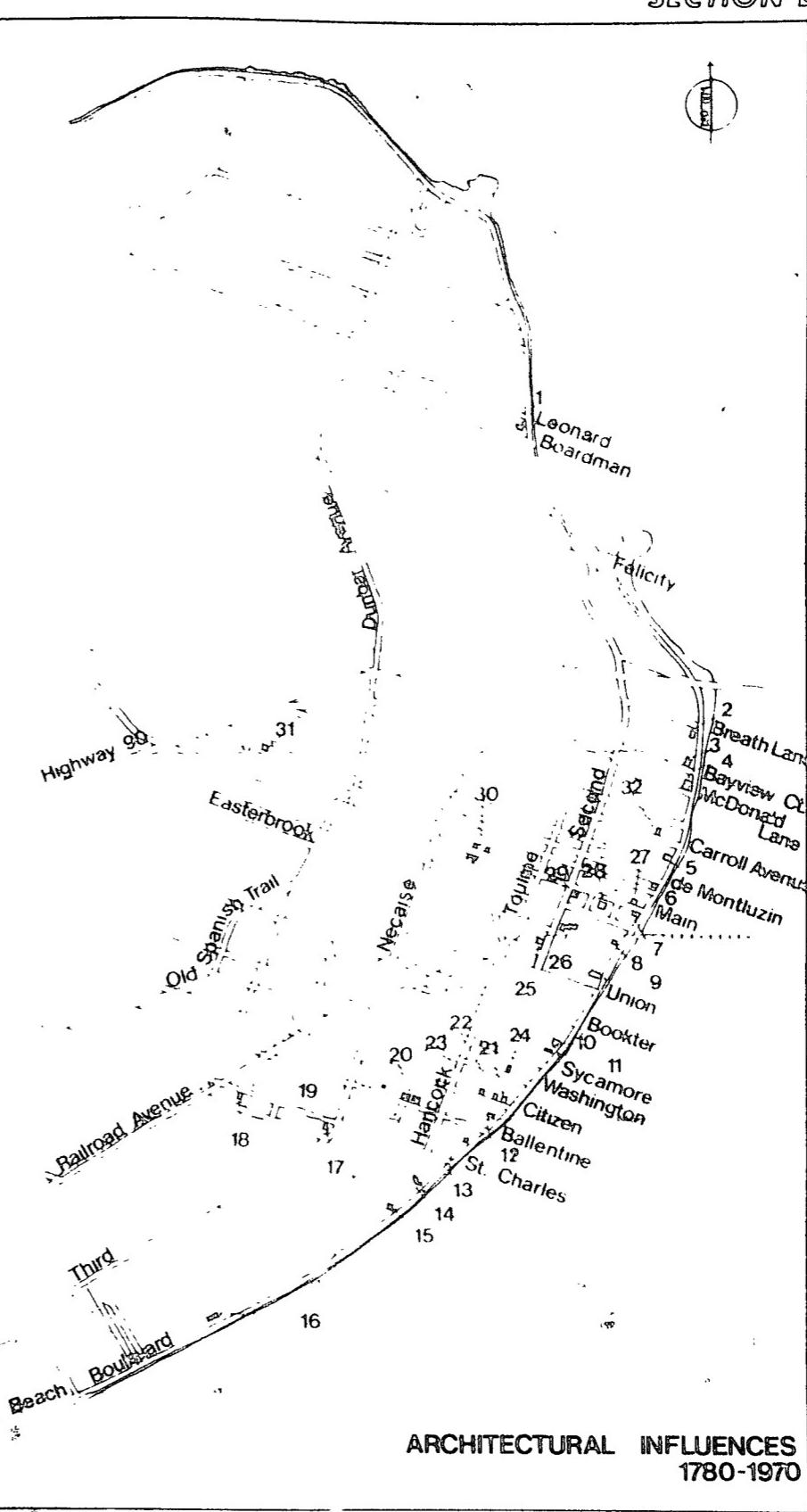
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STREET MAP OF BAY St. Louis prepared by Fred Wagner to assist those interested in locating 30 buildings listed in his article about Architectural Influences 1780-1970.

First Hancock County Courthouse log bldg. in Center Community

1817 was a lime-light year on

the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In that year Mississippi was admitted to the Union, and Hancock County was born. It was a big County embracing two-thirds of what is now Pearl River County, and a sizeable portion of what is now Harrison County, plus Hancock County as we know her today.

In the early beginnings there were Indian settlements, woodlands filled with longleaf yellow pine trees, and there was the beautiful Pearl River and many fresh-water streams, bayous, and rivulets. Zigzagging through this terrain were crude roadways - Indian trails and paths - leading to a large community later to be known as Center, because it was just about the dead-center of the county.

The examples mentioned above are all within the city limits of Bay St. Louis. Waveland, Pearlington and other parts of Hancock County had many fine examples of early buildings but only a very few remain and most of those have been so altered as to be misleading in appearance. If your home or one of your favorites is missing from the list, the writer would be glad to have other examples called to his attention. In a gesture of modesty I have refrained from listing any of my own designs though I have several favorites which, hopefully, some other observer might have included.

The courthouse was moved from Center to Gainesville in the early 1830's (the exact date has not been verified). During this era most of the population lived along the river and it was for the convenience of the people that the county seat was moved. The courthouse in Gainesville burned in 1853 and all records were lost, however Gainesville continued to be the county seat until 1857.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad brought about many changes and the population of the county shifted. The L and N was built in the 1840's and by 1857 the majority of the people had moved from Gainesville to Shieldsboro, later named Bay St. Louis. The Circuit, and Chancery Courts, the Board of Supervisors, the office of the Sheriff and the offices of the Superintendent of Public Education. A committee composed of S. J. Craft, J. E. Smith, L. S. Bourgeois and H. S. Weston inspected and accepted the building and found it to be according to plans and specifications. The building was insured for \$20,000 at a rate of 3 percent for 5 years with a premium of \$600.00. A corner stone, erected at a cost

of \$50, carried the following wording: Corner Stone, Board of Supervisors: H. S. Weston, President, S. J. Craft, I. J. McArthur, L. J. Bourgeois, A. J. Carver, Sheriff; E. H. Hoffman, Clerk of Courts.

Keenan and Weis, Architects; John Henry Superintendent; Jett Bros., Contracting Builders. MCMXL.

And so it stands today, a well-proportioned building, with fine Ionic columns, wide steps somewhat worn with years of treading feet. Some remodeling was needed following Hurricane Camille and the original cupola was not restored. Well-kept grounds are under the supervision of Sheriff Sylvan Ladner, and Old Glory is flown faithfully each day.

County officials include John Rutherford, Jr., Chancery Clerk; Henry L. Otis, Circuit Clerk; Carl J. Banderet, Coroner and Ranger; Sylvan J. Ladner, Jr., Sheriff; Terrell Randolph, Supt. of Education; George E. Heitzmann, Tax Assessor and Collector; Supervisors Bert Courtege, Dolph Kellar, Oscar Peterson, Sam J. Perniciaro, Sr. and James N. Travirca.

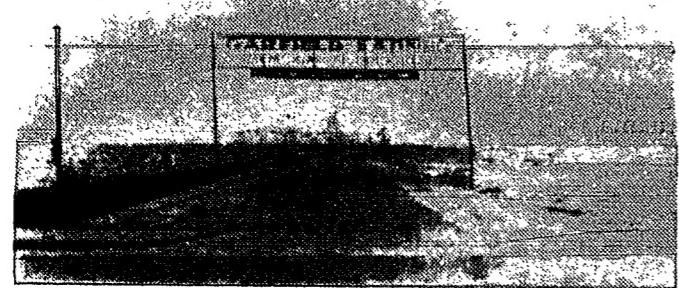
The Bay St. Louis Hotel at Shieldsboro was advertised in New Orleans papers in 1839 by the owner, J. Saint Cyr. His rates were \$60 a month. In 1842 the hotel was run by Edward Millford and Augustus McDonald, who reduced the rates to \$35 a month.

In the 1820's and 30's planters from the Delta and Natchez made Bay St. Louis their summer home because of the cool breezes from the Gulf. Recreation included bathing, driving along the beautiful shell beach, ten-pins, billiards, sailing, etc.

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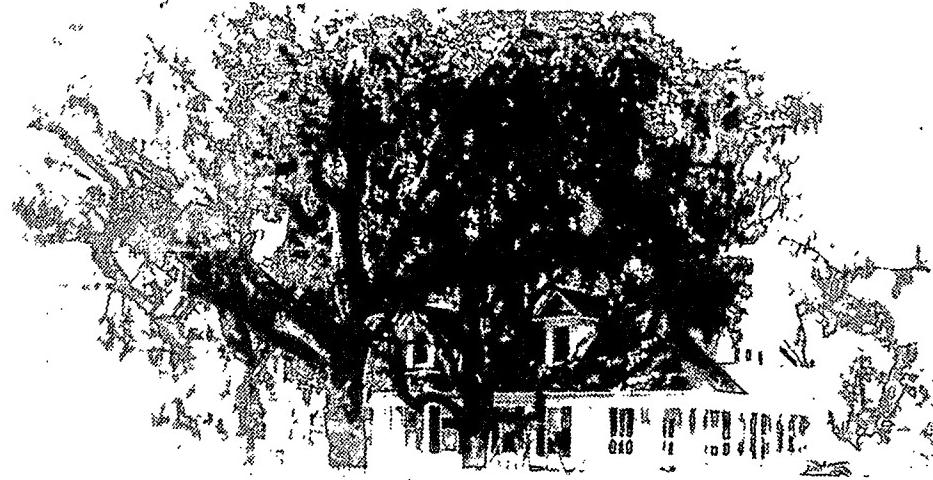
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A LANDMARK AND show place on Ulman Avenue known in 1923 as the E.S. Drake Residence adjoins the property of The Presbyterian Church. Now being beautifully renovated, the home stands proudly in a well-planted lot. E.S. Drake's reputation as an accurate surveyor was unrivaled. Photo from the file of the late Mrs. C.M. Shipp.

Logging down Lakeshore way recalled by Moran

"There's a bond between a man and the animal he trains that's closer and truer than friend's relationship to friend," was a statement expressed by Tommy Moran, born, raised and living in the Lakeshore Community and still carrying on the occupation of his family since early settler days. Tommy Moran attended

Lakeshore schools, later on went to Bay High and then ended up as a professional dental technician. But if you've ever lived in the timberlands and learned from your forebears the ways of gentling oxen for snaking logs from the forest, well you just sort of feel a deep need to carry on the tradition.

Tommy doesn't expect to get rich under present day logging and saw milling, in fact he part-time operates a "little ole Peckerwood mill" with oxen teamed in pairs of from four up to five or six, depending on what weight of logs they are required to pull. These patient animals are trained according to tradition because "my Dad just loved it." Three year olds are put in the middle while experienced oxen - lead animals are put in the front and follow ups in the rear during training period. These animals learn fast and respond to commands such as a whistle, or a "Git up," "Whoa," "Gee or Haw" and the tone of the voice is most important. They rarely ever sulk, know when they are praised for doing their best, or upbraided for not pulling their fair share of the load.

And a well cared for animal can be expected to give about 15 years of service. By being well cared for, Tommy said they get a well balanced diet of cotton seed meal, hulls and cracked grain and it cost about a dollar daily to feed each working animal.

It's a bit difficult to figure just what these beasts are able to pull poundage wise - but they are powerful.

Moran's trappings, that is, yokes, bows, chains, etc. are a separate and special story. Seems an old and arthritic negro named Ed Fairley who died a couple of years ago and whose home was in "Sunrise just east of Hattiesburg" made these wonderfully carved yokes and bows by hand and fashioned hand-wrought chains. "Ed couldn't bend, but he worked lying flat on his back," Moran commented. Yokes were made of black gum and bows were of hickory. Timber cut now-a-days is different, too, Moran commented. Time was there were so many grains running around a pine log you'd have to take the point of a pocket knife to count them - now the quality just isn't there with rounds wide-spaced apart on rapid-growth trees.

Moran remembers Lakeshore when people drank pure fresh water from unpolluted 12 foot wells, and when "if more than three cars passed on Sunday it was a parade." Now, he says, you look both ways and pray for safety when you back out of the driveway.

Within his memory, Moran said, there was in Lakeshore a pretty good sized depot - L. and N. Stop. And there were cattle pens, fur trapping, piling business and a vegetable canning factory operated by a man named Julian (not sure of the spelling) but times were certainly better for Lakeshore before the development of some subdivisions. These subdivisions, Moran claimed, gave birth to problems like pollution and dirt streets with no money to maintain them. Moran said Mrs. Jeanne Doby Williams was an early teacher of his - "a dedicated person and one of the finest ever," he recalled.



LAKESHORE RESIDENT, TOMMY MORAN, carries on ancestral occupation of Logging and Saw Mill operation on a part-time basis.



TOMMY MORAN WITH young son and prized team of oxen personally trained to commands. Animals respond to voice - not whip.



LEAD OXEN IN Tommy Moran's service help train three year olds for work expectancy of 15 years.



CORN GREW AS HIGH as an elephant's eye in Sellers Community of Hancock County. In the foreground are Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Smith who boasted in 1954 of a corn yield of about 100 bushels per acre.

Photo courtesy of L.J. Bream.

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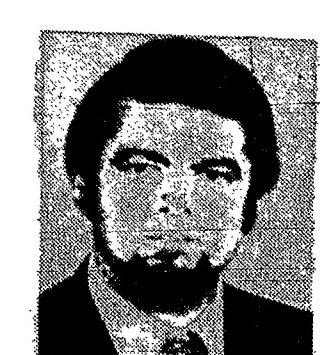
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The name Adams has long been associated with Flowers, 75 years, along the Gulf Coast, so when people think of flowers, they just naturally think of Adams.

In 1902, John Bavin Adams, who was employed by the railroad, established a small nursery and flower business in Pass Christian. His passion and talent for raising and growing flowers soon brought on the desire to give up railroading and go into the flower business with his 3 sons full time.

On Aug. 27, 1916, Lena Loraine Robinson married one of the sons, William F. Adams Sr. They worked in the business until 1926, when he established his own flower shop and acquired the greenhouses started by his father. J. B. Adams and Sons Nursery became Adams, Loraine Flower Shop.

By 1938 the business had expanded and had a shop in the rapidly growing city of Gulfport. Will and Loraine's oldest son William Jr. and his bride, Lena Florence joined the business that same year as managers and now are owners of the Gulfport shop as well as two more shop, one Genies in Edgewater.

The youngest son, D. Howard Adams, became a member of the firm in 1947. In 1948 he married Nancy Elizabeth Duggan and they took over the Bay St. Louis Shop which had been opened not long before. They now own the Pass Christian shop also which has a wholesale division and Loraine is still a very active member of the business.

Now 75 years and four generations later, Bill's oldest son William H. Adams (Bert) and his wife Diana, and Howard's daughter, Rebecca Adams Markel (Becky) work in the businesses started by their great grandfather.



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Peoples Federal

BY DAVID A. TRUETEL
First housed in the original Masonic Building on Main Street which burned, and afterwards in the re-built structure, Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association moved into its own building located at 111 Court Street of Bay St. Louis in 1963.

The organizational meeting of Peoples Building and Loan Association was called to order by J.F. Cazaneau on February 13, 1890, calling into existence what is now the oldest financial institution still in existence the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Dr. R.J. Turner was elected the first president and his board members were: Jno. B. Fahey, Vice-President; G.W. Ellis, Secretary; Geo. Planchet, Treasurer; J.F. Caneneau, A.A. Ulman, R. DeMontuzin and A.F. Cameron.

The President announced \$300.00 was offered for sale. Mrs. E.K. Davis paid \$200.00 at 25 percent premium and the remainder \$100.00 was bid off by F. Bauderex at 30 percent premium. The valuation committee was ordered to examine the securities, ap-

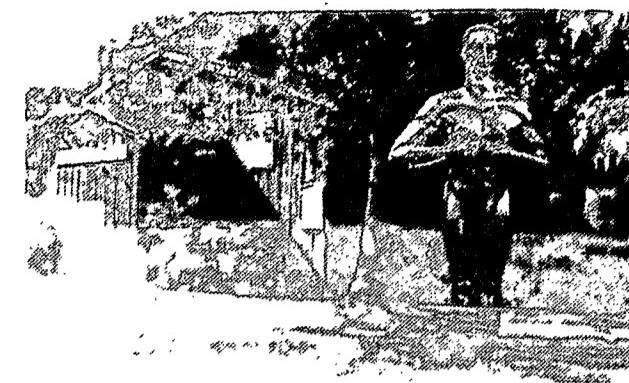
praise them and report to the Board". (Taken from the loan meeting, Monday, March 10, 1890)

From this point of beginning the Peoples Building and Loan Association, as it was then called, was born. The growth of Peoples Building and Loan paralleled the growth of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County.

"Motion seconded and carried that a dividend of ten (10) per cent be declared for the full year." (Excerpts from meeting of April 7, 1892.)

In 1920 total assets were

48,648.00 in 1935 888,749.50 and in 1937 the Association exchanged its State Charter for a new Federal Charter and was one of the first Associations in Mississippi to become federally insured. In 1950 Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association has as its president Joseph O. Mauffray and total assets of \$450,365.30. In 1963 Peoples Federal moved into its present home on Court Street, P.J. Treutel, President, and having assets of 4,950,813.01. In 1974 the Association opened its first branch in Waveland, David A. Treutel, President and total assets being \$9,506,065.17.



BSL Little Theatre

Playhouse

in the pines

By MIKE CUEVAS

According to Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their entrances and exits, and one man in his time plays many parts."

Founded in 1946 by Mr. and

Mrs. John Bell and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Blair to bring a certain joy to local life following World War II the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has flourished. It has achieved its purpose and has established a tradition of enjoyment for all who participate in the productions or as members of the audience.

The atmosphere of the building has done much to enhance the theatre's history.

From humble beginnings of borrowed buildings, local school auditoriums, the theatre found its home in 1959 on Boardman Avenue and became known as "Playhouse in the Pines". The red, barn-like building still stands as it did then. The interior walls reflect the history of plays presented with posters from the first plays to the more recent ones. The theatre lobby bears the furnishings of "Camelot" and wallpaper from "The Curious Savage". The dressing rooms are a constant reminder of the talented people who have participated and left the marks of their passage via their "Kilroy" instincts with pen, pencil, lipstick, etc.

The annual meetings with the State Tax Commission for a three-day instruction period were said to have been greatly improved. "Today quarterly sessions are available at the University level to better prepare assessors in the field of Appraising and Assessing," it was explained.

Of added interest, Heitzmann said: "Assessments have increased during my time at the Courthouse from approximately six million to more than 38 million and will, undoubtedly, exceed sixty million by the end of this decade."

In summary of changes, Heitzmann said:

"Few will remember when the tax levy for non-exempt property was 22 mills and the rate for Homestead Exemption was 11 mills. Homestead Exemption Applications have increased from approximately 1000 in 1948 to 5800 for 1977. The initial Law passed in 1948 has been amended to now grant full exemption up to \$5000 to all those over 65 and to those disabled veterans who are 100 percent service connected and totally disabled. A \$1.00 automobile license is also presently granted to disabled Veterans who are 100 percent disabled and 100 percent service connected. In 1935 the County was processing approximately 5000 tax receipts; we are now handling in excess of 55,000."

All tax receipts and Homestead Exemptions were manually processed through the years 1974 meaning that they were either typed or hand written. This laborious work has disappeared with the County entering into the Computer Age in 1975 and joined with the system on automobile licenses which was implemented a few years earlier when the Tax Collector's office was combined with the Sheriff's office.

Wusack, and Pete Chapman.

It was during this year that the Post Building Fund was started with a donation on One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from a well-wishing non-

lionnaire.

1972

In February 1972 the house was sold and again the post relocated at 528 Sears Ave. in a small cottage with barely enough room to hold a meeting.

1973

In January 1973, a concrete slab, 80 x 100 ft. was poured and St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on it with the ladies of the Auxiliary unit serving a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage.

1974

A steel building was erected

on the slab and on May 28,

1974, the Post Home was officially opened with Memorial Day Observance.

1975

Since the building was the

largest auditorium in the City

of Waveland, it has been used

for various civic functions

which is part of the American Legion tradition.

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Succession of Commanders

and membership for their

tenures are as follows:

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**Clement R. Bontemps Post
aids community, sponsors
youth projects & scouts**

BY WILLIAM H. RUHR,
POST COMMANDER
Clement R. Bontemps
American Legion Post was
originally chartered as Post
No. 97, May 14, 1920, however;
the charter was cancelled and
the post was re-chartered as
Post 139 on March 7, 1923. The
post was named after Clement
R. Bontemps a native son of
Bay St. Louis, one of the first
casualties of World War I.

The goals and principles of
the American Legion are to
assist the veteran and widows
and orphans of the veterans,
and to promote the general
welfare of the community,
state, and nation.

Clement R. Bontemps has
through its many programs
assisted the community in all
of its endeavors, having
provided educational
programs, social activity, and
assisted veterans and their
dependents as the needs
arose.

General programs in effect
are: Boys State, whereby
young men of the community
are provided an insight and an
introduction to governmental
affairs. One Junior student
selected from each of the local
high schools is provided a
week at the State Capital and
engages in the process of
government.

Presidential Class Room:
The post provides a trip each
year to Washington for a
student from a local high
school to allow this student to
actively engage in the
governmental affairs of the
nation.

USM Scholarship: The post
provides a scholarship of
\$500.00 granted a local high
school student for one year to
the University of Mississippi.
This is an annual presentation:

Youth Programs: The post
has always been active in
sponsoring the youth of the
community, having provided
facilities for meetings, and
funding of such organizations
as Explorer, Boy, Girl, and
Cub Scouts. The post also
provides a bus for trans-
portation of these groups.
The post is in the process of
donating \$10,000.00 to
establishing of a camp for
scouting in the local area.

Veteran Programs: The
post has continually provided
clothing, shelter, and food for
those needy veterans, or their
dependents, when called to
our attention. The post each
month provides parties for the
veterans at the veterans
hospital in Gulfport.

Community Affairs: The
post from its beginning has
engaged actively in civic
affairs, endeavoring to assist
the local government whenever
called upon both by active participation
and by lending our facilities for
meetings, programs, and as a
disaster shelter. Most
recently the post leased to the
city their pier and harbor, at
no cost, for the use of the
general public.

Blood Bank: The post
established the Hancock Blood
Bank and continues to support
this endeavor, by providing a
place for all blood drawings.

Athletics: The post
provides funds to support
Little League Baseball in the
community, it not only
sponsors a team, it also
provides for awards and
banquets for the team.

General Programs: The
post conducts a County
Veterans Day program
honoring all veterans of all
wars. The post provides
American flags for all schools
and classrooms of the county.

Through the years the
following have served as
commander of the American
Legion, Clement R. Bontemps
Post:

1923 Curtis L. Waller - Wilson
E. Acker

1924 Leon Mc. Cluer

1925-26 Henry Capdepon

1927 A. Palmer Lott

1928-29-30 Henry Capdepon

1931-32 Laurent Dickson

1933 W. B. Graham

1934 Laurent Dickson

1935 C. L. Reed

1936 S. L. Engman

1937 Edward P. Orteo
1938, 1939, 1940
1940 J. W. Pears
1941 William R. Garcia
Henry Capdepon
1942-43 Leo W. Ford
1944 Frank Cassidy
1945 Wm. Douglas Bourgeois
1946 Harold Holdrich
1947 John Rutherford
1948 Joe Colson
1949 Andy Becker
1950-51-52 Fred Fayard, Sr.
1953-54 Lucien Kidd

1955-56 Sidney Bourgeois
1957 Russell Elliott
1958 Roger Reinike
1959-60 Warren Buehler
1961-62 Frank Taconi
1963-64 Joseph Benvenuti
1965 Gilbert Gayaut
1966-67 John Wilkerson
1968 James Kelly
1969-70-71 Edward D. Murtagh, Jr.
1972 Alvin Vetter
1974-75 Clayton Thompson
1976 Wm. Horace Ruhr



CIRCA 1891 BAY ST. LOUIS Public School faced second Street. The high pitched roof, shuttered windows, and cupola were eye appealing details on this old wooden structure. Ornate picket fencing kept cattle out and children in the school yards. Photo from the scrapbook of the late Lula Hart Williams.

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**BSL school funds
in 1975 & 1915**

In the year 1915 there were 479 children enrolled in Bay St. Louis public schools. The 1975 enrollment climbed to 2005. In those days the annual amount spent for each pupil enrolled was \$17.00. In 1973 (our latest figures available) the cost annually per student enrolled was \$652.20.

Below is a table of interesting comparisons:

	1915	1975
Poll tax	\$15.00	None
State distribution	2,963.00	731,055.00
City Levy	4,172.35	491,470.00
Tuition fees	25.00	None
County pupils	25.00	6,600.00
Total	\$8,000.00	\$1,312,372.00

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WESTWOOD	BEDDING (FIRM)	
WILSHIRE	TWIN SIZE \$49 ⁹⁵ EA PC	5 PC DINETTE \$69⁹⁵
BROOKWOOD	FULL SIZE \$59 ⁹⁵ EA PC	7 PC DINETTES \$89⁹⁵
BASSETT	QUEEN SIZE \$99 ⁹⁵ EA PC	
HEMP	KING SIZE \$289 ⁹⁵ SET	
TEMPLE STUART	BEMICO —	
FOREST LANE	THE WORLD'S GREATEST SLEEPING PILL	
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DRAPERY

John Scarborough

Marie Scarborough



ONE OF THE OLDEST homes in Bay St. Louis, the Charles A. Breath, Jr., residence was built in the late 1830s. The first conveyance of the property was in 1819, and in 1838 it was acquired by Julius Monet. It is believed from extensive research of the construction methods that the home was built soon thereafter. Part of the home was used as a school for members of the Monet family prior to the War Between the States. During the war, while the Monets were in residence, they became fearful of the threat of plunder by Union occupation troops, and hid the family silver and other valuables in the hollow of the large oak tree which still stands in the front yard. In 1878 the Captain William Tyler Boardman family purchased the residence from the Monet heirs. Following Captain Boardman's death, his widow, the former Rita Leonard, married Charles Breath, and the home has remained in the possession of the Breath family ever since.

(Photo courtesy of Nell Ducomb)

Crossing the Bay

A nine million dollar four lane concrete bridge dedicated in 1954 spans the Bay of St. Louis and serves daily a steady stream of both east and west bound traffic.

The length of the bridge is two miles and it replaced a wooden bridge which served

the same purpose for a quarter of a century; having been constructed in 1928. The old wooden bridge in its day was hailed as a blessing, being safer, faster and more reliable than the ferryboat crossings of earlier days.

Water traffic, of course, still has the right of

way and the draw is opened to accommodate boats and barges. Few people seem to display impatience when "the bridge is up," and many tourist take advantage of this brief delay to stretch their legs, relax and enjoy the beauty of the shore lines.

Regatta revived

M. James Stevens, local historian, said "the first Regatta on the Gulf Coast after the War Between the States was created through the leadership of Bay St. Louis people." "Things were dismal in 1867," Stevens said, "Reconstruction problems were reaching a friction between North and South with an occupying army, plus carpetbaggers and scalawags, plus very strained race relations, plus difficulty in getting jobs and meeting tax bills for Southerners, plus the influx of Northern capitalist vying competitively with local people in commerce."

Civic leaders at Bay St. Louis raised money, bought prizes and provided leadership to resume yacht racing. The Bay St. Louis Gazette of August 10, 1867 reported: "Some time ago several of our public-spirited citizens came to the conclusion that even if political and financial affairs did not go exactly as they ought to, still there is no earthly reason why the noble sport of yachting should also go to the dogs." A set of prizes were bought including a solid silver cake stand, gold-lined silver goblets, morocco silver case and "a magnificent gold-lined cup with the head of Martha Washington in relief on its side - this special premium presented by J. H. Nicholson of Bay St. Louis.

The regatta was held on Monday, August 19, 1867 in Bay St. Louis, and according to a reporter from the Daily Picayune "Citizens at this delightful watering place" were given appropriately engraved prizes. The New Orleans paper also ran steamer scheduled times.



HOME OF L. A. de MONTLUZIN (CIRCA 1855) stood facing the beach at the present site of Ramsey's Store. On the porch from left to right Mrs. L. A. de Montluzin, Mr. de Montluzin, Alice and Adrienne de Lappe. Shown at ground level and with bicycles are Corinne de Montluzin and Rene de Montluzin. Sr. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Rene de Montluzin, Jr.

Southern Home, Bay St. Louis, Miss.



HOME OF THE L. A. de MONTLUZIN family was built in 1859 and faces Beach Blvd. This picture is a reprint from an old post card. Area shown as a lawn was later given to the City of Bay St. Louis in order that a street (now de Montluzin Ave.) might be built. Cards depicting homes in Bay St. Louis and Waveland were sold at L. A. de Montluzin & Son's and were printed in Germany.

Courtesy of Mrs. Rene de Montluzin, Jr.

History of public schools in Bay recorded in 1915

The official city and school directory of 1915 recorded the Hon. John V. Touline, as builder of the first Bay St. Louis public school (1893) and the Hon. John Keith Edwards, mayor in 1906, who built the annex to the school. A reprint from the Catalog of the City Schools follows and gives an account of the citizens' struggle for public education;

"The public schools are not mentioned in one syllable in the city charter, and as our city has not adopted the code charter, schools are only permitted by suffrage.

Therefore, when, without any precedent, John V. Touline, Mayor, in 1893, set aside the money (\$3,800.00) out of the meager revenues of the city for the purpose of erecting the present school building, he was threatened with indictment, it is said, by the grand jury, for misappropriation of funds.

An annex was built very much against the consent of the majority, during the Edwars administration, in the early part of 1906.

Mr. Edwars finding money to do it, without a flotation of bonds,

"A picture of J. V. Touline,

the infomitable pioneer of

free schools, now hangs in the

school auditorium, and is put

in this brochure as an honored

tribute to his manly

character. There should be

one of John K. Edwars beside

it, as he stemmed the popular

tide, and built the Annex.

"The first teacher for Bay

St. Louis Public Schools was J.

T. Eagan, who taught three

sessions, assisted by Mrs.

Felicie Saucier first session,

and afterwards assisted by W.

W. Stockstill.

"After Mr. Eagan left, the

Board elected a teacher from

North Carolina, who came to

take the position, but failed in

the examination. There was

boarding in Bay St. Louis at

that time one Swindell, an old

man, who was selling patent

gate latches. The Board

elected him to the vacancy,

which he held for a brief time. Miss Jennie Drake was Principal next, and in turn was followed by Prof. M. M. Jayne, who taught several sessions, and after resigning remained many years in Bay St. Louis devoting his spare time to literary work, writing on many subjects.

"He was followed by Prof.

C. E. Lunsford of Tennessee,

who taught two years, who, in

turn, was followed by E. F.

Billington, of Gulfport.

"In 1904, Sept. 21, Mr. T. L.

Travick took charge of the

Schools, assisted by Misses

Minnie Lou Bowers, Johnnie

Hart, and Mabel Cazeauve,

and gratitously assisted by

Misses Rosetta McGinn,

Florence Hart and Dora

Sheib, who were students in

the highest grades and who

taught the younger ones

sometimes, after the famous

Yorkshire Method.

"The first graduating class had its commencement in the school building in 1905 witnessed by a large crowd, among whom was

Congressman Bowers, who had come from Washington to see his son graduate."

LUDOVIC ADRIAN DE MONTLUZIN BORN in province of Alsace, France came by sailing vessel in 1854 to establish a school for boys in Louisiana. He later built the first drug store on the Gulf Coast. The building burned in 1897, and a second building similar in style was constructed at 121 South Beach. This building was destroyed in 1969 during Hurricane Camille and the business of three generations in the de Montluzin Pharmacy located on Main Street was carried on by Rene de Montluzin, Jr. until his recent death. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Rene de Montluzin, Jr.

RENE DE MONTLUZIN, SR. WHO owned a Drug Store on the Beach Front in Bay St. Louis. At the time of his death he was the oldest practicing pharmacist in the State of Mississippi, and honorary president of Mississippi Pharmaceutical Assn.

A. Saffide & Company advertised "Hay, Corn, Oats, Bran and Feedstuff also Building Materials."

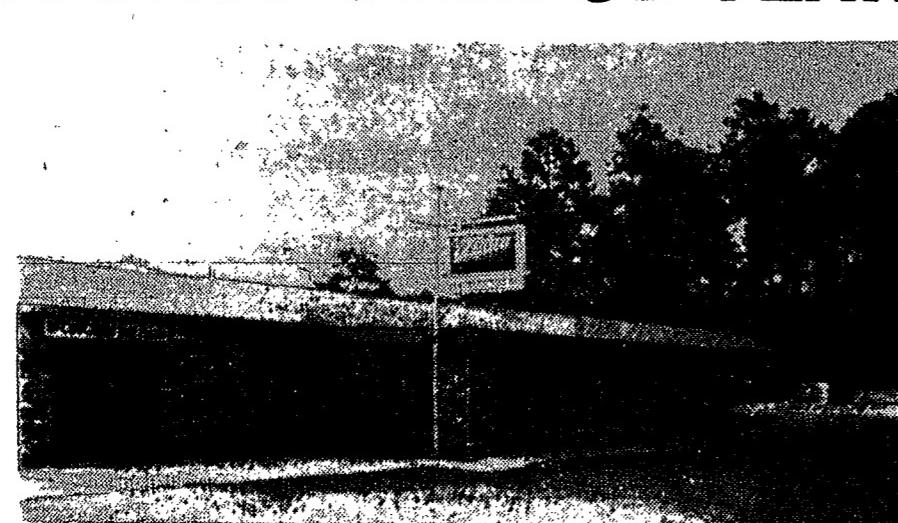
Bayou LaCroix, translated "The Cross" empties into the Jourdan. No record was found as to why the stream was so named.

Rotten Bayou flows south and empties into the Jourdan. The Indian name "Banshaw" means decayed stream. It is reported the stream was tainted with putrid matter and foul-smelling refuse from Indian butchery serving as

Jourdan River, named for early land owners empties into the Bay of St. Louis and is navigable for 24 miles with small boats.

THAT'S A LOT OF BULL! A registered Jersey owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dedeaux of Sellers Community. Photo courtesy of L. J. Breaux.

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RENE DE MONTLUZIN, JR. A third generation pharmacist and owner of the drug store which operated until the time of his death New Year's Day 1977, on Main Street. He had planned a Centennial Celebration for his business in 1978. The Drug Store has now been sold to Dr. Jos. Nodruf of Diamondhead, to become the first Drug Store in Diamondhead. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Rene de Montluzin, Jr.

THE CROWN DRUG STORE
242 COLEMAN AVENUE
WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 39086
467-6643

*The late
E. S.
Colling*

(Editors note: E.S. Colling's will be remembered by many as an able writer for the Sea Coast Echo until his death in 1975. The following is a reprint from his last contribution, September 4, 1975.)

COLLING'S CORNER

He said, What's time?
Leave now for dogs and apes!
Man has forever!

Now comes the Fall, with
crisp nights and dreaming
afternoons.

Did you ever look at a man?
Preferably an old man, with
firm cheeks and quiet eye, and
try to envisage all the
knowledge crowded so
compactly into that pound of
grey matter called the brain?

Do you remember the little
beginnings of life, which were
old secrets then, but new and
shining to you, and have since
become tired and commonplace again, and now with
the dimness of memory shine
and sparkle in the light of
pristine knowledge. Do you
remember when Schenley
Park was a lovely expanse of
trees, and flowers, before the
baseball team called the
Pirates with Honus Wagner
took it over? And do you
remember the young men
marching down the street on
their way to the war in Cuba
and the dreary finale of the big
camp at Montauk Point? Does
anyone remember the exploding
ammunition wagons in the heart of Wall Street, or
the campaigning of Gov. Al
Smith for the Presidency, or
the attempt of Jack Benny and
his wife to smuggle valuable
goods from Europe past the
customs?

We can remember these and a
thousand more trivialities.
They all add up to one life. We
saw recently a picture of the
skeleton of a Chinese man
6,000 years old, a big skull that
was crowded with trivia, too,
and that also was a life. The
world isn't big enough for all
the memories of dogs and
apes; that's why man has
forever!

Today is our birthday. We
have a skull-full of memories,
from all over the world. We
dump them all on the table:
some shine and glitter, some
are dull and care-worn. We
pick out the ones that appeal
most to us now, but, oddly
enough, some of the most
glitteriest seem commonplace
today; some trifling episode
of eighty years a-gone is fresh
as a star.

Soon all will be erased. Yet,
as each new day brings new
memories of good and bad, of
importance and trivia to pack
into a crowded cranium, we
remember and relate each
happening sharply, and
"remember days that have
gone by. And dream and
dream—that I am home
again!"

Macedonia
Baptist was
organized-'63

Macedonia Baptist Church
was organized August 25, 1963,
in Hancock County. The first
minister was the Reverend
Lee Morris. The deacons were
Brother John Morgan and
Brother Steve Summers.

Sister E. M. Hudnall was the
original secretary with
Brother Steve Summers
serving as treasurer.

The church started with
eighteen members and has
grown to its present 33
membership.

Macedonia Baptist is a
member of the Shiloh
Association. Present officers
of the Church in Hancock
County are the Reverend Lee
Morris, Pastor; Sister Pauline
Jackson, secretary; and
Sister Odeal Morris,
treasurer.

The Hancock County Bank
advertised: "No account too
small for us - deposits
guaranteed under the
Mississippi Banking Act."

Co-Operative Garage Com-
pany had night phone 167 and
was agent for Hudson and
Grand Six, Smiths Motor
Wheel, Michelin Tires and
Jenkins' Springs.



THE OTIS M. WINNARD home located at 502 North Beach in Bay St. Louis at McDonald Lane was owned and occupied by the W.A. McDonalds family when they settled in Bay St. Louis in 1904. Photo courtesy of Mrs. C.C. McDonald, Sr.

Two barrels and a board served as first counter

By HENRY MONTI
ASST. V.P. BAY ST. LOUIS
BRANCH

President of the Waveland
bank, and Sherlyn Breland,
Manager of the Waveland
West Branch. W. R. Allison is
the bank's president and Guy
C. Billups, Jr., serves as
Chairman of the Board of
Directors.

Very early in the morning on October 15, 1903 Gaston G. Gardeboel took his place at the entrance of the newly formed Merchants Bank in Bay St. Louis. He was determined to be the first depositor! The bank opened for business in the old Echo Building where boards had been placed across two barrels to form a counter for paying and receiving. George R. Rea was cashier in this new bank. He had resigned a position as head of the note department in Interstate Bank in New Orleans to accept this post, so firm was his faith in the new venture. Joseph E. Saucier was assistant cashier (he later became sheriff of Hancock County) and John B. Spotorno was also an assistant.

Officers and directors had been elected during the bank's formation plans. L. H. Fairchild was president; John Osoinach, vice president; George R. Rea, Cashier; and Joseph E. Saucier, assistant cashier. W. J. Gex was attorney for the bank whose capital stock was \$20,000 divided into 400 shares at \$50 per value. During the next four years the Merchants Bank declared dividends that climbed from 14 percent the first year to 28 percent on the fourth year. The bank's first published statement showed individual deposits of \$8,000.33 loans and discounts \$6,655.86 and cash on hand \$5,186.93. One year later deposits were \$40,000 and by 1907 deposits reached \$145,000. Such success prompted a decision of the Board to move into its own building. Southron R. Duvol was selected architect for the new building. Ferdinand Ramond was contractor and builder having submitted the low bid of \$8,928.73. Adding a new safe brought the total cost to \$10,000. Brick work was subcontracted to John T. McDonald of Pass Christian and Joseph L. Favre of Bay St. Louis. The first floor served the banking business and the second floor housed the law firm of Gex and Gex.

In the year 1924 the building was remodeled and with the use of marble and bronze was quite an impressive establishment. The improvement was celebrated with a reception and open house. Souvenirs were given, guests came in throngs to be guided through the building, and a lithographed folder announced: "Merchants Bank of Bay St. Louis, Miss. was organized by W. J. Gex, Chas. G. Moreau and John Osoinach." The name of Merchants Bank was changed by an amendment to Merchants Bank and Trust Company. Through the years various prominent citizens held offices in the bank and by 1932 Charles G. Moreau had become president. Joe B. Burrow served as cashier, W. J. Gex, Jr. and Emilio Cue were vice presidents.

Currently Merchants Bank and Trust Company has six locations, with a total personnel employment of 65, and total assets as of March 31, 1977 approximately thirty six million dollars. Officers serving the Hancock County Banks are Henry Monti, Asst. V.P., William Breland, Vice

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First Catholic church in Waveland small wooden structure built in 1881

BY FATHER
JOHN SCANLON

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC
CHURCH in Waveland,
Hancock County, Mississippi,
was established as a parish in
1919, having as its first
resident pastor the Reverend
Michael J. Costello, who
served forty-three years until
his death in 1962.

Prior to 1919 the Catholic
community in Waveland was
served from Our Lady of the
Gulf parish in Bay St. Louis,
established in 1847. Father
Louis Buteux, first pastor of
Bay St. Louis, offered an
occasional week day Mass in a
Waveland home. The first
Catholic Church built in
Waveland was a small wooden
structure located on the Beach
Road, erected in 1881 by
Father LeDuc, pastor of Bay

St. Louis, who celebrated a
monthly Sunday Mass in the
new house of worship. In 1899,
Father Blanc established
regular weekly Sunday Mass
in St. Clare, Waveland.

Bishop Janssens dedicated
the little mission church of St.
Clare in 1882, blessing its bell
on July 15, 1883. The Catholic
population at this time was
176. By 1905 the small
structure was enlarged to
practically double its original
size, and enlarged again in
1938. Once again, in 1957,
Father Costello added an
addition: a brick front wall
and bell tower which survived
the ravages of Hurricane
Camille the night of August 17,
1969.

Father John O'Brien succeeded
Father Costello as pastorate at St. Clare, to be

succeeded in 1969 by Father
Walter Maloney. Only a few
months later, Hurricane
Camille devastated the parish
plant. Church, school, con-
vent, parish hall, and priests'
home were destroyed. Before
the first anniversary of
Camille, the priests, sisters,
and laity had effected the
rebuilding of the complete
plant, except for a rectory,
and had built bigger and
better than previously.

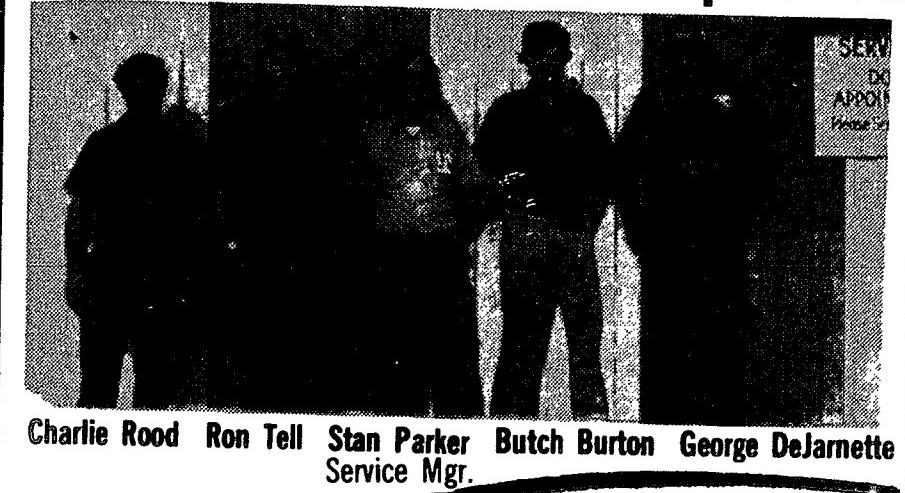
Father John Scanlon
became the fifth pastor of St.
Clare in 1971, followed by
Father George Broussard who
served for ten months when
Father Scanlon returned and
remained until now. At this
date, approximately 2,000
members comprise St. Clare
Parish.

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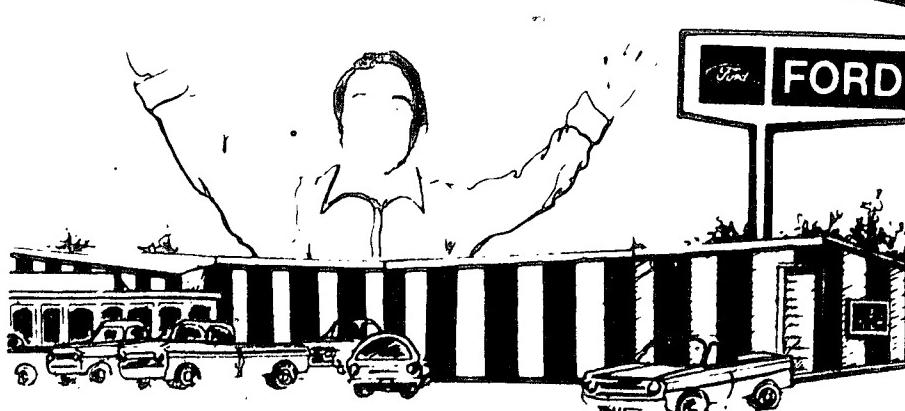


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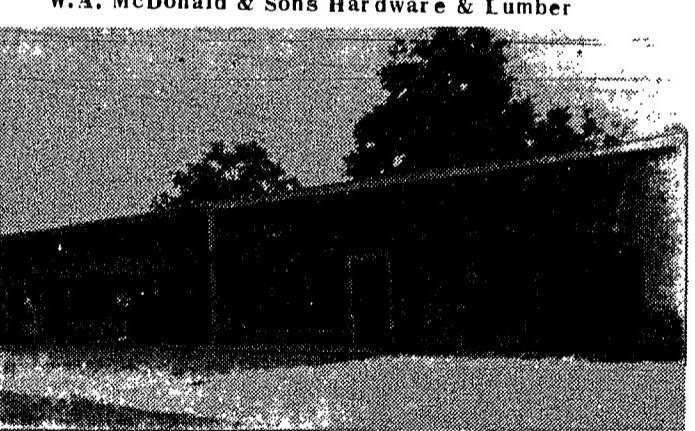
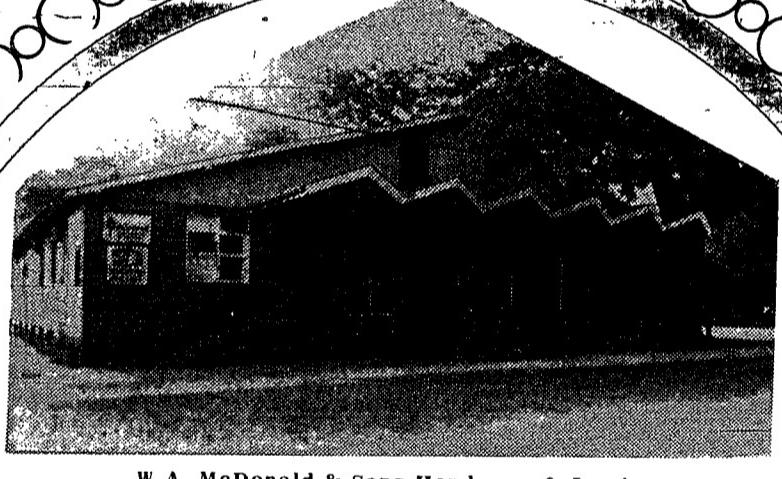
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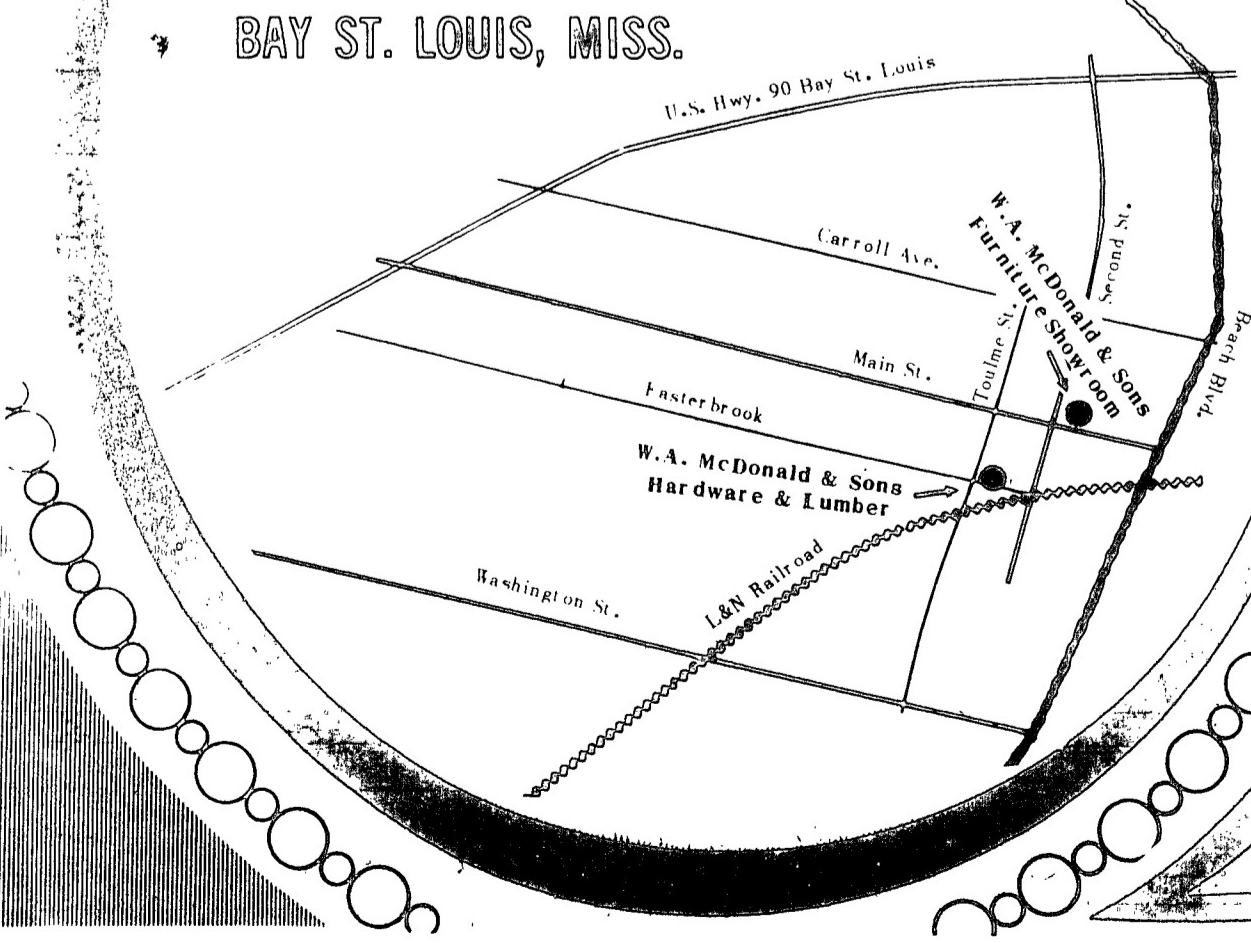
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